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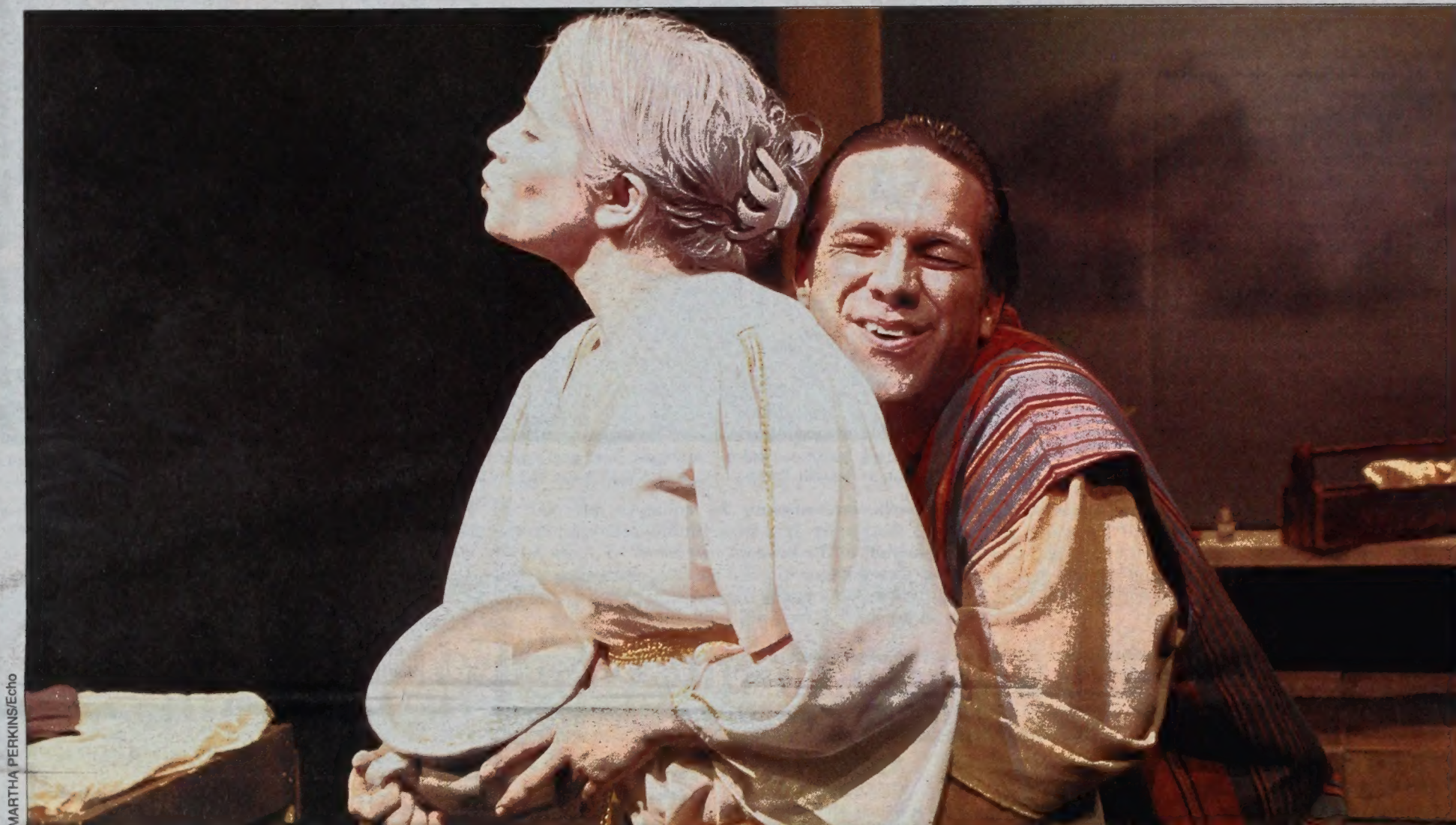
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A newcomer to opera couldn't receive a funnier or more entertaining welcome than Franz von Suppé's *Fair Galatea*. An artist creates a sculpture of his dream woman. Venus brings her to life and that's when the dream becomes a more common reality – the *Fair Galatea* falls in love with someone else but not before she accepts the jewellery, but not the kisses, of a rich art patron. In this scene, Michael Barrett as the rich Mydas begs for a show of affection from Galatea, played by his real-life sister-in-law, Lindsay Barrett. The performance was the premiere of the Highlands Opera Studio. There is one remaining performance on Wednesday, August 29.

Bravo! Bravo!

Highlands Opera Studio is a lot like the Highlands itself – beautiful to look at, wonderful to listen to, and totally lacking in pretension

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Last month, Adam Bishop couldn't decide whether to become a doctor or an opera singer. His family was favouring medicine but the 21-year-old university student from Bancroft was sitting on the fence, comfortably viewing both sides of his future.

On Saturday night, Adam jumped off the fence and landed on the stage of the Northern Lights Pavilion in

Haliburton. Singing the role of Ganymed in Franz Von Suppé's delightfully light-hearted opera *Fair Galatea*, you only had to look at his face to know that medicine didn't stand a chance.

What doctor could ever have so much fun? Or have hundreds of people erupt in applause at the end of an operation or diagnosis?

"It's been phenomenal," he says during a break in Friday night's dress rehearsal for the debut of the Highlands Opera Studio. "I feel I have a different voice than what I came here with."

For the previous three weeks, Bishop and six other young opera singers had worked under the tutelage of Canada's leading tenor, Richard Margison, musical director Steven Philcox and pianist Brahm Goldhamer in order to mold their potential into something a bit more real. Then they tapped into the talents and enthusiasm of director Valerie Kuinka to bring it all together for Three Fantastic Nights of Opera as grand finale of the Highlands Summer Festival 2007 season.

The Highlands Opera Studio turned Adam Bishop

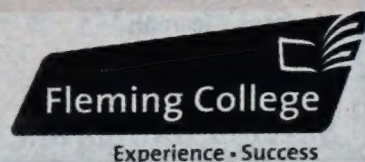
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Opera studio opens up county to the art

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into a believer. It also made more than a few converts out of the audiences at Saturday night's wonderful premiere.

Fair Galatea is to opera what *Mama Mia!* is to Broadway musicals – infectious, humorous and, above all, highly accessible. You could almost leave the theatre humming a few tunes. When the audience stood up at the end of the performance it was in thanks for being well entertained.

As an introduction to opera, the Highlands Summer Festival couldn't have chosen a better opening foray. The plot poked fun at notions of romantic fidelity, feminine charm and perfect beauty. The performers not only sang with professional aplomb, they acted, and they acted with abandon, seeming to have tremendous fun with their roles. Lindsay Barrett was both majestically beautiful and childishly covetous as Galatea. Her brother-in-law, tenor Michael Barrett, was the Jim Carrey of opera, contorting his face as if he was trying on various rubber masks. Ryan Harper played Pygmalion with all the exaggerated sensitivity of an artist who has fallen in love with himself, as well as the sculpture he has created. And Bishop? He wakes up with his teddy bear and goes to bed with the most beautiful woman on earth. No wonder there was a glint in his eye as he sang about the virtues of being a Greek man.



Peter Barrett, Matthew Barrett, Krista da Silva and Joseph Song Chi may only be starting their careers but their performance in Ravel's *Spanish Hour* was polished and professional.

After the intermission, the audience returned for *Ravel's Clockmaker*. It too used humour to capture the imagination of the hesitant newcomer to opera but it asked the audience to put a bit more work into it. You had to bend your ear to the musical gymnastics of the genre. Michael Barrett returned, this time as the cuck-

olded keeper of cuckoo clocks, and his unfaithful wife was played with the flare and passion of a flamenco dancer by Krista da Silva. Ryan Harper got to fall in love with love all over again, except this time the object of his affection was a clock, while it was Peter Barrett's

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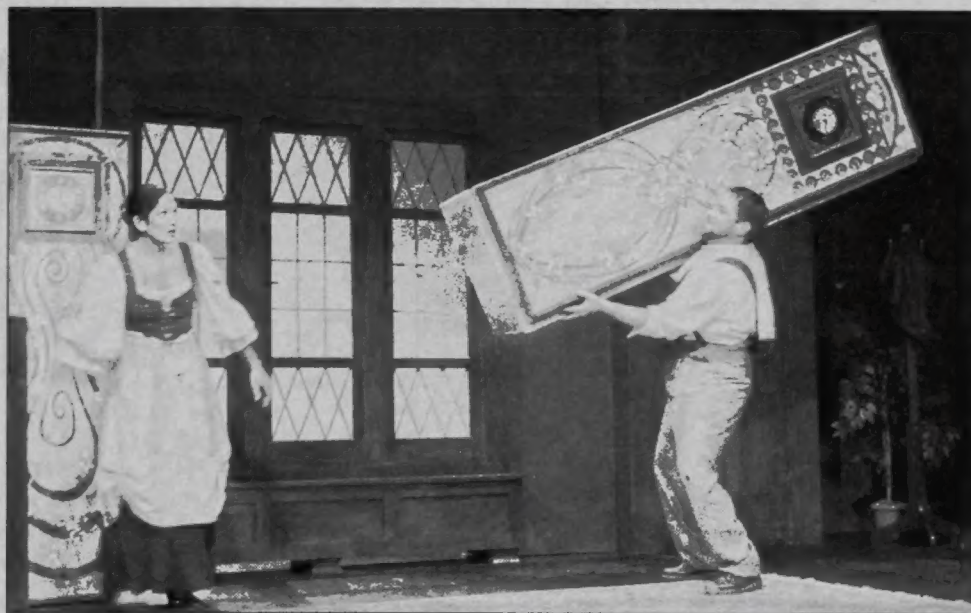
turn to give into the seductive charms of a beguiling soprano. Joseph Song Chi had to squish his big voice into the innards of a cuckoo clock and even Swiss watchmakers would be impressed by his impeccable performance.

The performances were all justifiably confident without a hint of arrogance – just like the Highlands Opera Studio itself.

Many of the participants in the studio – teachers and students – say there was something magic about having an opera school in the land of lakes and forests.

"The first couple of nights I couldn't sleep because I couldn't hear anything," says Kuinka who, the day after opening night, had to fly to New York to work on the revival of *Romeo and Juliette* at the Metropolitan Opera.

She started her career as a classical violist, playing in the orchestra at the Canadian Opera Company, absorbing the sights and sounds as she observed what went into mounting the productions. "Retirement" from the orchestra meant being able to establish her own



Krista da Silva as Concepcion finds an interesting way of getting her lover into her bedroom – she puts him into a clock and has Peter Barrett, a visiting worker, do a little furniture rearranging. But when she notices how strong he is...

"Toronto-based multi-disciplinary theatre company" (CollabArts.com) and working for the New York Metropolitan Opera as a stage director.

Margison has sung on stages around the world – New York, Vienna, Berlin,

San Francisco, Sydney and Brussels. In the next year alone he'll be singing Verdi in Montreal, Maazel in Spain and

Wagner in Seville, making a pitstop in Vancouver for Beethoven's *Fidelio* before returning to Milan for the La Scala premiere of Maazel's 1984.

It's little wonder that a cottage in the Highlands has become their refuge. Why not also turn it into a place where they could help teach the next generation of opera stars?

They couldn't have done it alone. They provided the talented network of instructors and chose the participants. It's the members of the Highlands Summer Festival who provided all the essential support and logistical orchestration that allowed Kuinka and Margison to concentrate on the performance.

"I think it's a natural place to do it," says Margison. "The community support is wonderful."

Kuinka is effusive in her praise of the people she's worked with locally. "These people have made it happen. I can't say enough about them. They've been enthusiastic, generous and hard

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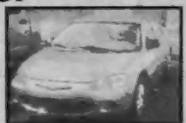
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working," she says during Friday night's dress rehearsal. "Yesterday we didn't have a prop. They made it last night."

The singers arrived August 6 and have been billeted at local homes.

"It makes a total difference to come here and relax," says Krista da Silva. After a day of rehearsals, she could go home to swim and watch the hummingbirds. "It's so calming."

Being away from the city, and all of its inherent pressures, also had a calming influence on the atmosphere of the opera studio. Opera is populated by singers with big personalities, and even bigger egos. Yet there wasn't a prima donna to be seen or heard in Haliburton.

"I call it camp," says Adam Bishop, the youngest of the participants.

Ryan Harper says that from day one, the group coalesced into a cohesive and supportive ensemble.

"Ego just gets in the way of everything," he says, "and being a prima donna isn't possible here because everyone is so relaxed."

It's no accident that all of the participants seem so, well, nice. If Margison and Kuinka were going to be working in their get-away place, they also wanted to get away from the competitive, self-absorbed aspects of professional opera. An opera studio in the Highlands had to be like the Highlands itself – a beautiful place that inspires beautiful things to happen.

"It's been a wonderful experience, enriching on every level," says Kuinka, who says that they've been blessed with students who are eager to learn and grow with one another. (It probably also didn't hurt that almost half of the participants were already family – brothers Michael and Peter Barrett and Peter's wife Lindsay.)

The Highlands Summer Festival is as equally thrilled



Decisions, decisions. With three men vying for her affections, the Fair Galate (Lindsay Barrett) discovers that being a real-life woman has its perks. Her infidelity, however, makes life difficult for Mydas (Michael Barrett), the artist Pygmalion (Ryan Harper) and the servant Ganymed (Adam Bishop.) But it's Venus, who brought Galatea to life, who proves to be fickle hearted.

with the partnership. "It's a great mix of people," says Haliburton pianist and choir director Melissa Stephens, who played keyboard during the performances and also helped with all the classes. She too was soaking it all in as professional musicians converged in Haliburton to teach the young performers.

Stephens says, "I've learned a lot about performing and tons of important things about singing. We're all on the same wavelength."

Accompanist Brahm Goldhamer, who has his own richly varied studio coaching career, says that it's not surprising that Haliburton has embraced the Highlands Opera Studio, and opera itself. A place that has a strong visual arts presence is open to exposing

itself to all forms of creative expression.

"People here are so passionate that they've made it possible," he says, adding that for everyone it's been an amazing experience to work with Margison and Kuinka in creating the Highlands Opera Studio.

But what about the general public, the people who have to fill 200 seats for three nights?

"Everyone is fearful of the unknown but once people are exposed to opera, they realize that this is something they can relate to," Goldhamer says. "This is real life magnified to a huge level."

Magnificent.

There's only one Fantastic Night of Opera left. It's August 29 at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion. For tickets call 457-9933 or e-mail tickets@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.



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A theatrical experience unlike any other

Haliburton Forest is transformed for R. Murray Schafer's *Princess of the Stars*

LAURA HENDRICK

Staff Reporter

Deep inside Haliburton Forest, a mystical world is about to emerge. Already, the shores of Bone Lake have been turned into a virtual Tent City. An onsite cook prepares three meals a day to keep 30 followers close by. Thirty more sleep in nearby cottages protecting their voices until they wake.

At the crack of dawn each day this week, up to 400 people will flock to the forest to climb on a bus and join them. They will be led down to the shores of Bone Lake and seated together in complete darkness. Listening to sounds of wild at 4 a.m. they may be hit with a spiritual epiphany. One thing is certain: they will see an inconceivable theatre production called *Princess of the Stars*.

The outdoor play based on First Nations creation myth first came to life 22 years ago in Banff, Alberta. Since then, it has been staged only once, a decade back in Haliburton. With the water serving as a stage, the breathtaking show is next to impossible to produce.

Voyageur canoes ranging from 26 to 36 feet long paddle set pieces and characters along the lake's edge. With their legs braced against the gunnels of canoes, dancers with eight-foot wings move to the rhythm of an unseen orchestra. The musicians are playing the works of Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer. Some players such as Juno-award winning flutist Robert Cram and members of the Canadian Brass have

donated their time to take part in the production.

The challenge of pulling all of these elements together sits on the small shoulders of West Guilford resident Lesley English. As general manager of the nonprofit organization Patria, she has been actively planning for the show since January. "I just have to control the insanity and turn it into a fabulous production," she says of her role.

With years of acting and producing under her belt, she felt ready to take on *Princess of the Stars*. But after accepting the position and watching grainy footage of the original production, she realized it would require enormous amounts of coordination. For instance, the play starts at a slightly different time each morning so that the character of the sun appears at the exact moment the sun peeks over Bone Lake. "It's always going to be a challenge when your stage director is the creator," she says.

The elaborate show is also staged in a remarkably short time frame. Rehearsals started August 20, at which point everyone involved literally moved into the woods together. Performers were hand-picked from places as far as Prince Edward Island. A few local dancers are also taking part: Jordyn Archer, Julie Barban and Katheryn Boyd. The greatest number of Haliburton natives can be found paddling the voyageur canoes.

"Paddlers consider it a life changing experience," English said.

The show tells the simple story of a princess who falls from the stars and becomes trapped under the lake's sur-



One of the breath-taking scenes from a rehearsal of R. Murray Schafer's *Princess of the Stars*, which runs from August 28 to September 3 at the Haliburton Forest.

face. As characters struggle to free her, the mythical reason behind one of nature's ways is revealed.

Audience members will have plenty of time to discuss the show when they share breakfast afterwards at Haliburton Forest with the cast and crew. In the case of rain, ticket holders are still encouraged to come out and see musical highlights performed at an indoor location, followed by a question and answer period at the Logging Museum. Their tickets will also be honoured at a subsequent

performance.

Shows run from August 28 to September 3. Tickets are \$75 each, \$45 for students. The price includes breakfast. Audience members meet at the main parking lot of Haliburton Forest at 3:45 a.m. where they will be taken by shuttle bus to the Bone Lake Amphitheatre. Tickets can be purchased at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, the Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton and Haliburton Forest.



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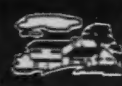


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Eleanor Cooper

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What a week! It was full of preparations for Saturday, the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. The actual date is September 7, but this was when we could have everyone home, all four of them and their families.

Preparations included getting in touch with Marj Nicholls and Cheryl Cooper. George saw to that. It

involved our taking my three tiers of cake to Shelley van Nood for her to ice and decorate beautifully, and to call Judy Carpenter for a second slab of lemon cake which was sooo good and also appropriately decorated on relatively short notice.

When family all arrived, preparations were more hurried and all accomplished on time. The hall decorated, balloons pumped up, cakes transported, extra Centre access key for elevator obtained, and instruments tuned and carried up to the Centre.

Flowers arrived from Country Rose on the day before the party, which were then part of the table where cards and gifts were placed. Again the sturdy wishing-well was filled with good wishes as it was for Earl's 80th (at time of writing, only a few cards have been opened, so many people around).

People arrived right at 1 p.m. and kept coming and coming all afternoon. Great! Each guest was special to us. It meant so much to see and visit with each one.

Cake was served throughout the time.

Our wedding photos were well perused. Reunion of old friends kept happening.

Entertainment was our three boys, piping together for the guests and a couple of couples dancing the Gay Gordons around them for a few times. It went on in the form of fiddle-playing, guitar, piano, and banjo. Kathleen chorded at the piano, then Jack Neville took over at the piano.

George, Alan, Beth, and Andy sang a song George had composed for the occasion. Grace was said by me,

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Last of the Great White Pine showcases local youth

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then people who had time to stay for the buffet remained after the afternoon snacks and goodies had been cleared away to join us for a delicious salads and cold cuts supper. By this time, only the top layer of the fruit cake was left with its golden 50th decoration atop.

Louise Cooper was photographer in charge and managed to get all the group pictures I'd requested. So many people to thank for getting it all to happen and making us so happy!

George spoke well of our family life, Eve Stata read a poem for us of her own composition, and Earl and I each replied with words of thanks.

There is much I've left out. If you'd like a full report, come and see our guest book any time!

Rachelle and Dale Griffin vacationed for about 10 days early this month on P.E.I. with their family Ian and Natalie.

On August 17 the Bice ladies, Peggy Sochasky of Waterloo, Phyllis and her husband Ross McKay and her sister, Marilyn and her husband Rod McKay both of Kearney called on us following their visitation time with Gary and Ruth Cooper at Monk's Funeral Home. Marie and Doug Bice added to this group as our guests on the same day.

Jean Pugh has recently had to be in hospital in Haliburton and in

Peterborough.

On August 18, Julie and Ernie Cooper were married in a garden setting in Orillia. Family members from West Guilford, Joan and Basle and family attended the wedding and enjoyed the salad dinner prepared in the home of the bride and groom. Congratulations and best wishes to the new couple. Open house will welcome well-wishers on September 15 at the Centre.

Emma Paul, Kathleen Owens, Shannon Neville, George Claridge and earl are musical background for Michael Fay's play "Last of the Great White Pine" performing in Minden from August 24-26 inclusive. Opening night

was delayed because of rain.

My own guest from high school days in Barrie was Nora Brett who came in time for Scottish Country Dancing on Monday, August 20.

Company at the George Nicholls household on the weekend began with Bernie Nicholls and his friend, June, and the 15-yr old twins, McKenna and Flynn from California. Alberta and Will Upton arrived also for a good visit and barbecue with the family on August 18, with their girls, Kristen and Brandee. David was able to attend as well from his home in Orillia. A good reunion at the home on Pine Lake.



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These photos of past priests were dedicated during the Sunday service at St. George's Anglican Church.

A journey to the past

TOM HODGSON

Special to the Echo

While attending services at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton in the summer of 2006, I began to reflect on the history of this church and of the former rectors I remembered. I approached the Warden Evelyn Beeby about the lack of official photographs of former ministers and we both agreed it would become increasingly difficult to find pictures of them as time passed. I volunteered to take on the project.

I must confess it was challenging but at the same time very interesting to review 143 years of history of Anglican worship in my home town. I discovered through church records that we had 37 ordained clergy over those years.

In addition there have been seven lay readers and others who filled in temporarily. A good example was George Bemister who was the organist and led the services from September 1918 to March 1919. His niece, Dorothy Clarke, served as organist for 42 years (1918-1960). It is interesting to note that the present organist, Bill Gliddon, has exceeded her record by three years (1962-present).

I began my research by reading the Parish Profile and references such as church records, the archives at St. James Cathedral in Toronto (with the invaluable help of Mary-Anne Nicholls and her volunteers), historian Leo Dobrzensky and finally my own memory and family history.

I discovered that in 1864 the first church building was a very tiny log structure 16'x 24' put up by Mr. Stewart, the manager of the Land Company. This building was located further up the hill from the present site of St. George's (Mountain Street). Bishop John Strachan of Toronto sent Rev. Richard Sandars to consecrate this first village church. Rev. Fredrick Burt was the first incumbent (1865) and later came up from Minden occasionally to hold services.

The second incumbent was Rev. Gordon Mackenzie (1869-1870). My great-grandparents, Tom and Jane Moon, were members of that first church. Other early parishioners were the Lucas, Gainforth, Paul,

Dart and Stewart families.

It was in 1870 that a new and larger church was opened on the present site overlooking Head Lake. Bishop Sweetman consecrated this white board and batten church in 1890. Unfortunately on an early Sunday morning in January 1920 it burned to the ground taking with it the historic organ and bell, given by Mrs. Haliburton while visiting the village named after her

late husband Thomas C. Haliburton. Many years later, a parishioner, Val Hoxie, recalled the beautiful and distinct sound of the bell.

The "new" St. George's was opened on January 25, 1923 with Rev. James Stringer as the Incumbent (1921-1925). Consecration of the new church took place on October 24, 1926. Church records showed that Rev. Clarence Eakins present-

ed 25 candidates for confirmation by Bishop Sweeney and among that group were Clayton Hodgson, Bud Thayer and Mrs. Wesley McDonald.

In 1967 and 1986 there were additions to St. George's, which continues as a witness for God in this community. These photos are valuable in that they represent 143 years of continuous worship in the village of Haliburton.



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: September 10th, 2007

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcel of land to be surplus. This parcel of land is part of an original allowance for road located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: County of Haliburton
Location: South Street, Haliburton

- Original Allowance for Road
- Part of the Original Allowance for Road Between Concessions 7 and 8, In Front of Lot 17
- Geographic Township of Dysart.
- Defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., dated June 15, 2007, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 20th day of August, 2007

Patricia E. Martin
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Municipal Planner

Elva Bates reconstructs Glamorgan's past

The author of 'A Journey through Glamorgan's Past' talks about her literary journey

NEIL JUDSON

Special to the Echo

The central challenge of successfully recreating a place's history is achieving accuracy while entertaining the audience. This challenge is perhaps greatest when the author is restricted to using mostly documented facts without the freedom to shape plots and use the visual aids such as costumes and stage sets common to historical plays and film documentaries.

When she set off to reconstruct the Township of Glamorgan's past, Elva Bates figured she would just do the research - a daunting task in itself - rather than attempt to write the book herself. But after studying creative writing at Sir Sandford Fleming College's Haliburton campus, Bates was encouraged to take on the newly released *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past* herself.

In the book's acknowledgements, she writes that her instructor told her in 2003, "Elva, you are obsessed enough to [to write the history of Glamorgan]."

The writing came more naturally than she had anticipated.

"The main challenge ended up being the research," she says. "I could have written seven days a week."

Having been appointed municipal clerk from 1967 to 1993 and elected as Glamorgan Reeve from 1994 to 2000, Bates was both inspired to investigate the township's background and placed in an advantageous position. She had a good sense of what was in the records and archives and, more importantly, easy access to them. Indeed, the best tool to start a research project is the knowledge of where to look.

"When I worked for the township I found there was a lot of history and a

lot of stories behind that history."

Bates also investigated the National Archives of Ontario in Ottawa and

records at Trent University.

The book begins with an overview of the early settlement through the latter half of the 1800s. Although there appears to be no known influx of settlers into Glamorgan, Bates writes that settlement occurred mainly from west to east from the



NEIL JUDSON/Special to the Echo

Elva Bates displays her recently released book, *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past*. It's her first book, although she is currently working on a companion novel entitled *Destination Gooderham*.

Township of Snowden. Others travelled north from Peterborough.

Bates also traces who these settlers were, as well as how and where they established their livelihoods in the township.

The major industry in the area was timber, while mining also had a presence. Bates documents the history of five early logging companies in particular, as the first timber licenses were issued in 1863.

The most interesting sections capture the early stages of the village that came to be known as Gooderham, including early shops and the establishing families. With thorough detail and old photographs, Bates presents a fledgling village busy with a shoemaker, barbershop, hotel,

train station, jewelry store and creamery.

In fact, a young Japanese student who was sent off by the Japanese government to learn the butter-making trade ended up in Gooderham as an apprentice to Frank Valteau, a cheese maker from Wilberforce who took on the creamery's operation.

Present-day Gooderham is more of a bedroom community, with most residents working and going to school outside of town in places such as Haliburton.

Bates' co-publisher and longtime friend, Pete Charters, says the success of her book can be attributed to its readability.

"It's a well written book with an enormous amount of research," he says.

"It's important that it mixes basic history with anecdotes and samples to show how people lived."

One such anecdote came from a story Jim Fairfield told her in 2005.

Fairchild's parents, Sid and Violet, established an orphanage in Glamorgan in 1926.

"Jim recalls that when he was six years old he really needed some nails for a project he was working on and, not able to find any, he got some paper and matches and burned down the outhouse to get the nails he needed. He says, 'My father wasn't much of a carpenter and I can still remember the lopsided outhouse he built [to replace the one Jim had burned down].'"

Bates explains that she was

selective is publishing the numerous stories collected from residents. As entertaining as some are, Bates is careful not to offend.

"I didn't use some of the stories, but that one from Jim was pretty cute, I thought."

She says her most valuable personal resource was Dallyn Pickens, a descendant of the area's early pioneers and cottage people. Now in his mid-eighties, Pickens tracked genealogies as far to as far as Alberta and Michigan and offered numerous stories of old.

Besides being a resource, however, Bates considers Pickens a mentor and loyal supporter right from the book's conception in 2001.

"He strongly encouraged me to go with it," she says. "And he has a great memory."

Bates attributes a lot of her success to the support of friends, including Charters' wife Jean, who encouraged her not to give up when she felt overwhelmed.

Since she self-published the book with Charters, the two were responsible for the putting it all together, including layout and editing.

Fortunately Charters has a thing for grammar and knows computers (as Bates says, he's been working with them since one filled an entire room). He took on proof reading duties and taught himself a layout program in a mere two days.

While feedback from the community has been very positive, Charters avoids taking much credit.

"It's Elva's book. I just assisted where I could."

While dealing with the distribution and sale of *A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past*, Bates is writing a companion novel entitled *Destination Gooderham*. The book follows the fictional life of a female immigrant from England who eventually settles in Gooderham in the 1870s. It is a fictional novel weaving the lives of fictional and non-fictional characters.

"The novel is more difficult because you still have to be factual, yet more creative."

Bates has written about 200 pages so far.

Bates' history of Glamorgan is available at the Gooderham library, Dreamweaver Country Boutique in Wilberforce, the Kinmount train station, Undercover Books, Masters Book Store and the museum in Haliburton, and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in Minden. Or readers can buy the book directly from Elva Bates in Gooderham (705) 447-2977. The price of the book is \$25.

Join the Colour Party at the Kinmount Parade

Well the summer has slipped by again and we are now starting into our fall season. The Branch has many initiatives on the go.

Our Colour Party will be taking part in the Kinmount Parade, Saturday, Sept. 1, starting at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join them must wear full dress and call Jack Greavette for details.

Legion Week will be held across Canada from Sept. 16 - 23. Our Branch will be marching at the District F Drumhead in Bancroft on Sunday, Sept. 23, forming up at 1 p.m. with parade starting at 1:30. Comrade Brian Hambly is hoping for a good turnout from our membership for these two events.

Our Support the Troops coffee can needs filling. For each \$6,000 in donations, Command purchases vouchers from Tim Hortons in Afghanistan for donuts and coffee and gives them to our troops. Let's help our boys enjoy a good cup of coffee and show them our support.

Our branch has been approved for a Trillium grant but before we receive the money we must put in place a committee to form a Strategic Plan for our branch. Pres. Pickard is in the process of forming this committee. The Trillium Foundation feels that it is in our best interest to have this plan and for our future Executives will follow the plan which will help keep our Legion solvent. When the grant is received we will purchase new carpet for the clubroom and a portion of the upstairs facility. Slowly we are upgrading our facility and when it is finished it will be a place that we can all be proud of in our community. We will need many volunteer hours in the future to bring this project to completion.

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Our \$1,000 Bingo nights have been a great success throughout the summer. Cde. Lynda Weir, the chair of the Bingo committee, is losing a long-time volunteer, Wendy Smith, who is moving to Lindsay. The branch thanks her for her unwavering support over the last several years. The committee needs more volunteers to help sell the bingo supplies or call back the numbers, as well as callers for the bingo. If you are interested please contact the Branch.

This past month our Branch made donations totalling \$1,750.00 to the following organizations: Victims of Violence, Haliburton Highlands Resource Centre, Salvation Army, H.H. Outdoors Association, Highland Storm Minor Hockey, Save the Children Canada (Kilimanjaro Challenge-Amin and Nadia Shivji), Ontario March of Dimes, and the YWCA Emergency Rural Safespace.

We need every member to keep in mind that the Poppy Campaign will be starting in the fall and it is the duty of each member to help. When we join the Legion this is one of the promises we make, that we will help our veterans. Please keep in your thoughts our veterans who are in the hospital at the present time, Bruce

McKay and Bill Ramsay.

Better late than never I would like to thank Pat and Jeff Barry for their kind generosity in preparing the posters and tickets for Bernie Bain's retirement and Galen Valleau for making the souvenir cheque that was presented to Bernie. We have good people in our Branch and they are a good example of why our Branch has come back from the brink of financial disaster to being a thriving organization in our community. Kudos to all who help on a daily basis without any fanfare or recognition.

Fall will also see the resumption of our Cadet program. Many of the young cadets have spent time this summer at Camp and we are proud of their accomplishments. If any young people are interested in joining this outstanding Corp., please contact the Branch for further information. Also the weekly Pool Club and Dart Club will be starting and if you are interested give the branch a call for details. If you are interested in other sports and would like to see them started at our Branch, call our new Sports Chairperson Bill Timms at the Branch. Also anyone who has a specific interest and interested in starting a group we would be glad to hear from you to discuss your ideas. Remember to come out to the Meat Draws especially on the last Friday of the month and enjoy the delicious birthday cake that the Branch supplies to celebrate those members who have enjoyed a birthday during the month.

Our new accountant has completed his work and will table his report at the September Executive Meeting. We look forward to this report and expect

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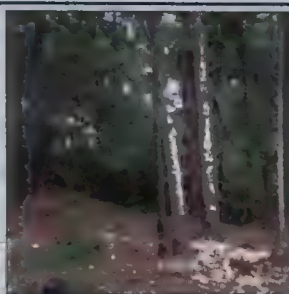
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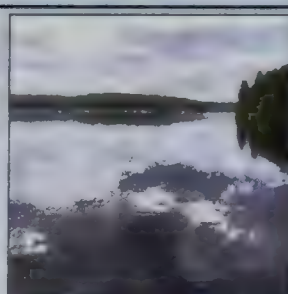
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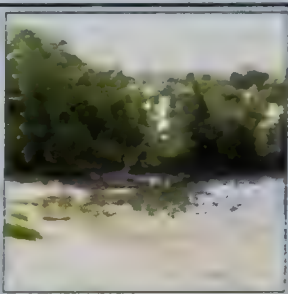
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September Events Calendar

Sept. 4 - Cadets

Sept. 5 - Bingo

Sept. 6 - Executive Meeting

Sept. 7 - Meat Draw

Sept. 9 - Sunday Breakfast

Sept. 11 - Cadets

Sept. 12 - Bingo

Sept. 13 - General Meeting

Sept. 14 - Meat Draw

Sept. 16-23 - Legion Week

Sept. 18 - Cadets

Sept. 19 - Bingo

Sept. 21 - Meat Draw

Sept. 23 - Sunday Breakfast

- Distric F Drumhead - Bancroft

Sept. 25 - Cadets

Sept. 26 - Bingo

Sept. 27 - L.A. General Meeting

Sept. 28 - Meat Draw

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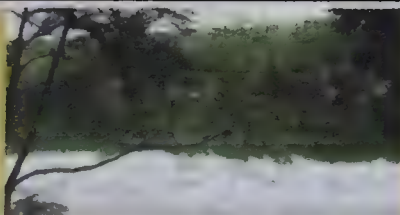
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Pumping up 'Reach for the Future'

Rick Creasy (far right) and Vince Hammond (second from right) of Stan's Garage presented the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation with a cheque for \$565.80 last Wednesday. The money, which was raised through a BBQ at the garage's grand opening last month, will go towards the foundation's new 'Reach for The Future' campaign, which helped local hospitals acquire new digital diagnostic imaging equipment. The cheque was received by Campaign Co-Chair Don Popple (far left) and HHHS Executive Director Dale Walker (second from left).

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Take aim at the Turkey Shoot in Wilberforce

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Mel Smith

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On Saturday, September 1, Branch 624 Legion will start the month off with a Turkey Shoot. This event will take place at Popcorn Pond, 1776 Loop Rd. Wilberforce. The start time is 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will both 12 gauge and 4:10 shoots, and ladies are welcome to shoot in both groups. There will be absolutely no alcohol on the premises. Come on out have a fun day, shoot some targets and possibly win a turkey or two.

Also on September 1, the Branch will be hosting a night of Karaoke from 9 p.m. until close. Come out and bring your best voice and a friend with you.

Tuesday, September 4 the executive will be holding its meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.. Hope everyone has thought about items for the agenda.

Sunday September 9, the Wilberforce Legion and our Ladies Auxiliary host their monthly Sunday Brunch (the second Sunday of every month) between 9 a.m. and noon. The price is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and children

under six years of age are free. This Brunch includes eggs as you like them (fried or scrambled), plus bacon, ham or sausage, plus toast, plus pancakes with syrup and butter, plus tea, coffee and or juice. You just can't beat the quality, quantity or the price. Plan to come out and enjoy the friendly people and good conversation along with the good food.

There are many great upcoming events; however, just like the weather, the events scheduled may change and there may be even more things to add to these great things to do as the month progresses. Just remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to all your friends and enjoy a sports event on the TV.

August 27: 7 p.m. Open Bid Euchre everyone is welcome.

August 29: 7 p.m. Open Darts everyone is welcome.

August 30: 1 p.m. Open Euchre everyone welcome.

September 1: 10:00 a.m. til Noon Turkey Shoot at Popcorn Pond.

September 1: 3 p.m. Open Meat Draw everyone welcome.

September 1: 9 p.m. Karaoke.

I have been asked to make a request for any handicap equipment that may be

available. Just call the Branch (448-2221) and they will send someone to pick it up or please drop it off at the Legion

There are many great upcoming

events and remember everyone is welcome to come out and join in or just sit and talk to friends.



REAL ESTATE UPDATE

WHEN OFFER IS CONTINGENT

QUESTION: What is meant by a contingency offer to buy real estate?

ANSWER: This means the buyer may wish to include certain stipulations that, if not met, will render the offer null and void.

The most common stipulation is that the offer to purchase is contingent upon the buyer's receiving approval for a loan. If the buyer is turned down for the loan, the offer becomes history.

The buyer may also want the offer to be subject to a number of inspections, ranging from termite, structural, radon gas, etc. In any case, Realtors and sellers usually require that contingencies be removed by a certain deadline.



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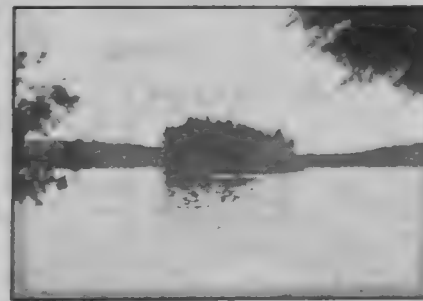
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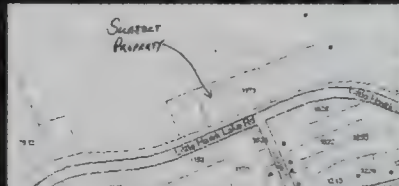
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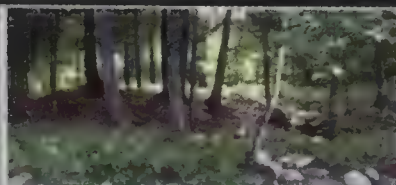
Spacious 3 bdrm. home on private 2.6 acre lot just minutes from Haliburton Village. Over 1500 sq. ft. plus full w/o basement.

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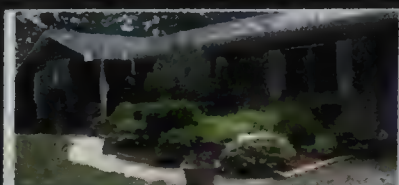
3 bdrm. cottage, insulated, cathedral ceilings. Over 100 ft. frontage with rock shoreline. Great Southern exposure, year round road.

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**NEW LISTING \$179,900**

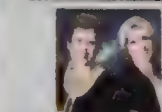
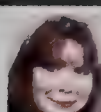
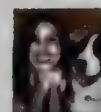
Well maintained 3 bdrm. bungalow home, over 1900 sq. ft. on a nicely treed 2.25 acre property. Ample room throughout, pine kitchen & a woodstove.

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Fair connects teachers with healthy living

An upcoming event for teachers is designed to help them make the grade this coming school year.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is inviting educators in Haliburton County to discover free, curriculum-friendly health resources available for use in the classroom.

The third annual Teacher Resource Fair takes place Thursday, Aug. 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

Local educators can drop by and discover a variety of resources and ready-to-use teaching tools that correspond to Ontario's Health and Physical Education curriculum. There will also be prizes, displays, demonstrations and grade-specific resources.

"We want to help educators promote healthy living to students in ways that are easy to understand and fun to use," says Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the local health unit.

The Haliburton event is similar to those held in Lindsay in the past. All educators are invited to attend.

Teachers are also invited to pay a visit to the health unit's educator resource web site at www.hkprhealthy-schools.on.ca.

More details about the Teacher Resource Fair are available by calling (705) 457-1391 or e-mailing schoolinfo@hkpr.on.ca.



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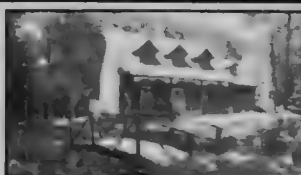
MAPLE LAKE LAKE \$549,900

1.06 acre waterfront lot w/exp. western sunset view. 3-lake chain. gradual sand shoreline. easy yr. mtd. rd. Ample parking & rear land golf green plus shared ownership of rear 43.7 ac. parcel! 1424 sq. ft. open concept home + full party fin. w/o lower level. 3 bdrms. 2.5 bathrms. \$32K sunroom.



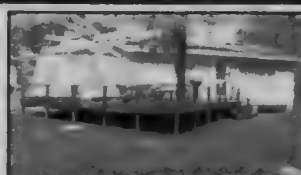
BEECH LAKE \$249,900

Level, well treed priv. waterfront lot w/100 ft. frtg. Shallow 'child friendly' sand shoreline w/expansive north west 'summer sunset' exposure. Easy yr. mtd. access, ample parking, walking trails/creek. Open concept, cath. beamed wood ceilings, floor to cell. stone FP, eat-in kit., plus 16'x12' bunkie/office.



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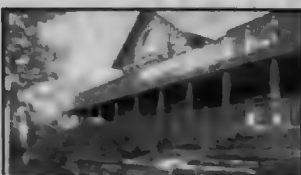
SILVER LAKE \$269,900

Prime priv. level well-treed 1.35 acre waterfront lot w/150 ft. frtg. One of only 4 properties on lake. restricted motor lake. 74 ft. deep & approx. 1 km. long. great fishing. Easy yr. mtd. access & improvements consist of a 600 sq. ft. 2 bdrm. 1 washroom, new dbl. det. 24x24 garage, shed, decking & dock.



2131 Fred Jones - DRAG LAKE \$449,900

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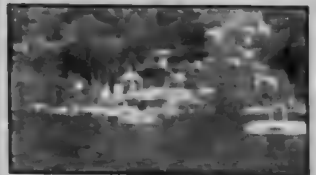
BOSHKUNG LAKE \$669,900

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LITTLE KENNIS LAKE \$398,900

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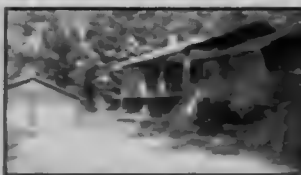
FARQUHAR LAKE \$319,900

Private well treed w/450 ft. frtg. & 66 acres. Expan. sunset view, older basic 1036 sq. ft. 4 bdrm. cottage on point is ideal for short term use or future building foot print. Under managed Forest Program until 2019.



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Jocelyn Donaldson has the ride of her life

C. W. Anderson once said, "In today's world many people sigh for the 'good old days' and regret the 'passing of the horse,' but today, when only those who like horses own them, it is a far better time for horses."

It is a far better time for the horses that are in the loving care of Jocelyn Donaldson. Over the many years that Jocelyn has ridden she has come to fully appreciate that her horses have lent her the wings she lacks for speed and strength and has taken her to a world she truly enjoys. For this rite of passage Jocelyn treats her horses with the deepest respect and care.

Riding entails active involvement, self-discipline and that shared understanding of horse and rider. There is no secret so close as that between Jocelyn and her horses making her and her horse as one heart, one pulse and that very much needed deep understanding of one and another.

Jocelyn enjoys her life with her horses and just like her mother, Tammy Donaldson, Jocelyn is a certified trail guide and member of the Ontario Equestrian Federation. Jocelyn's mother has owned and operated South Algonquin Trails Equestrian Outfitters since 1999. She has a formal contract with Algonquin Park authorities to use the trails that were previous existing logging roads and they are continually trying to open up more of the trails. Their biggest challenges are wet areas usually caused by the beavers overtaking the trail. Nevertheless, riding on horseback is a very relaxing and exciting way for one to enjoy the beauty and diversity of the southern extremity of Algonquin Park.

Tammy, Jocelyn and family have developed trails that take you to some of South Algonquin Park's scenic wonders such as the High Falls, rugged rock outcroppings, beaver dams, huge pine trees and bear claw markings on beech trees and so much more. Jocelyn has also had the opportunity to guide riders from all over the world and in the summer that is usually on a daily basis.

Jocelyn is a very accomplished and knowledgeable guide who has a very gently way with not only the horses but people as well. Mother and daughter work very closely together and Jocelyn have learnt a wealth of knowledge about horses from her mother who is a grad-

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uate of Humber College Equine Studies program. Jocelyn is very safety conscious with the riders, as many of the riders have never ridden before. When Jocelyn is not riding with new riders on the trail, she is riding new horses and getting them adjusted to the trail. Both mother and daughter want their riders to have a great experience riding in Algonquin Park.

At the present time Jocelyn is competing in the 2007 National Masters Prince Philip Cup Games Championship in Nova Scotia on the beautiful seashore at Coveside Stables overlooking the Chester Basin. Jocelyn has worked very hard to achieve the opportunity to compete at this level. Jocelyn joined the Uxbridge Pony Club just last year, however had been with the Simcoe Pony Club for the past four years prior. Jocelyn has been practising weekly for the Prince Philip Games since January in Port Perry. The Uxbridge Pony Club has three masters teams. Jocelyn's team was the #2 team to qualify to go to the Zone competition. All three meets had very close scores, but when they competed at Zones, they beat the best team by six points to qualify to go to Nationals. She also took weekly lessons all winter at Kilusty Farm in Bobcaygeon to get ready for Ontario Horse Trials competitions this year. This was her first year competing in Horse Trials which is comparative to the Pony Club Rally that she had participated in for the past four years.

In July Jocelyn took her Pony Club C Level Riding test and passed. She also competes in Pony Club show jumping and has qualified to go to the finals on September 9th in Brooklin, Ontario with her horse Monster Truck (Monty) as they won their division on July 15th at the Central Ontario Show Jumping Qualifier in Ajax. Jocelyn placed first in the power and speed class

and took the top spot in the medal class making her Champion of the Beginner Division.

She is still involved in the RIDE Ont. Program. By the time she gets back, after riding in the competition, in Nova Scotia, she will have logged 3,000 riding hours since 2001.

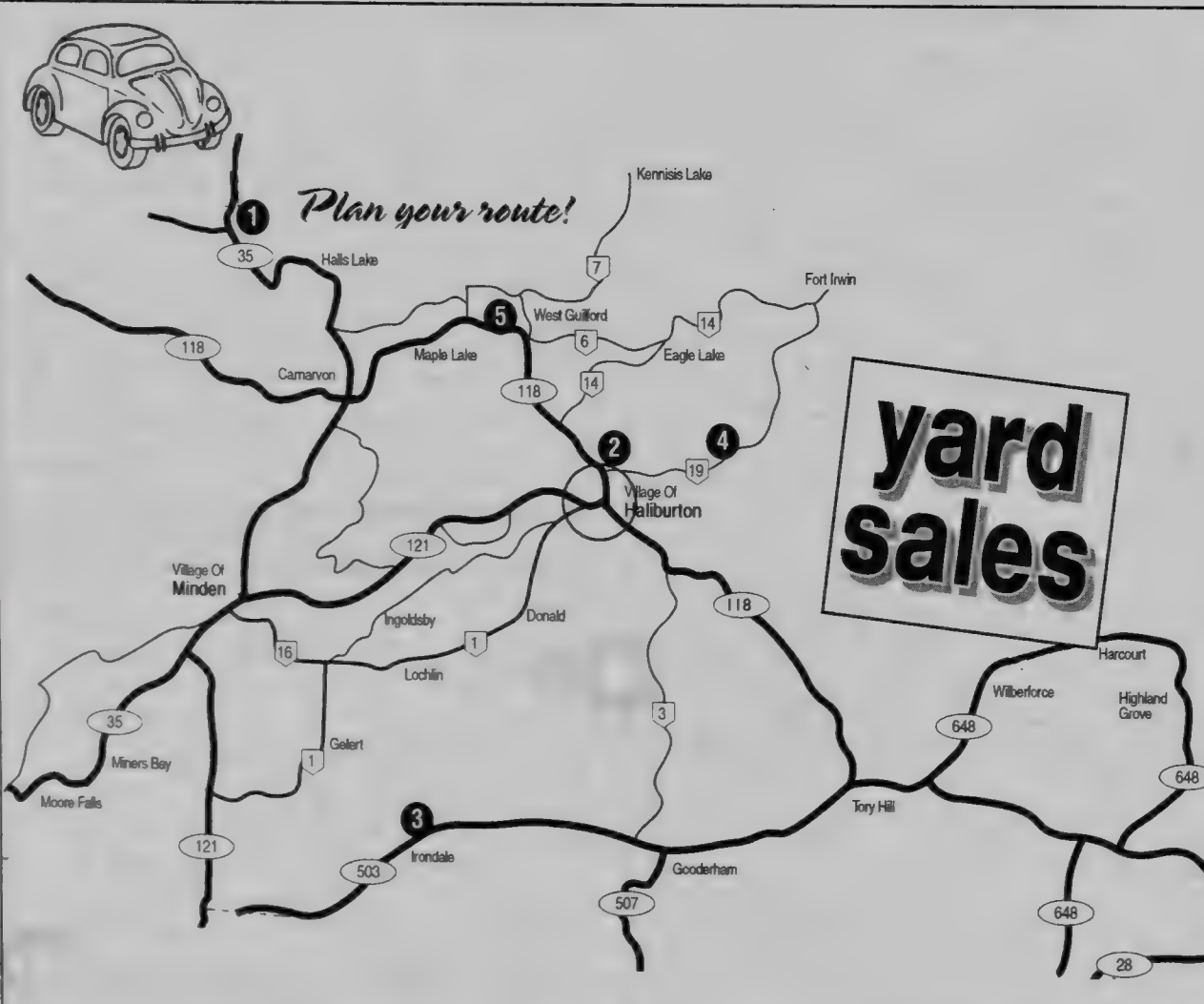
At the Prince Philip Games she will be competing with a team of five riders and five ponies, only four of whom participate in each game. This gives ponies and riders a chance to catch their breaths every now and then, by sitting out one race. All of the games are variations on the relay race. Some races require riders to drop objects such as socks and vegetables into buckets while others require riders to vault off and back onto their ponies. Others require riders to and ponies to run a course in and out around a series of upright poles from one end of the laying field to the other where they hand-off a prop to the next rider on the team. There is even an egg-and-spoon race. There are 41 possible games to be used however; only some of the games will be used at each competition and the organizers indicated in advance that Jocelyn and her team will have to play 16 games using borrowed ponies donated to the hosting club. To add to the challenge, the ponies are unfamiliar to the riders and all teams generally switch ponies after a certain number of games.

Life is an adventure for Jocelyn. An adventure of trust, magic and special friendship between girl and horse. These competitions mean fun and excitement to Jocelyn. Something she enters to prove her standards and show herself and others where she is in the community of horse riders. To her it is not just about winning, about fame or fortune, but about knowing she has done well and being happy for her team members.

Happy trails to Jocelyn as we wish her all the very best at the 2007 National Masters Prince Philip Cup Games Championship in Nova Scotia. Results of competitions will be forthcoming next week.

The Harcourt Community Centre Euchre Club enjoyed an excellent barbecue prior to last Thursday evening's

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Plan your route!

yard sales

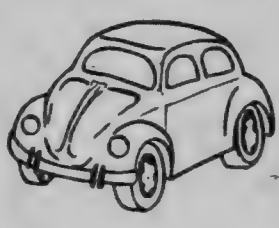
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4 Yard Sale
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5 Yard Sale
Fri 12-4 & Sat 9-3
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Little Tykes race car bed, 8ft pickup topper, Ride on John deer tractor, 2 yamaha Snowmobiles, Outboard Motor 3.9 HP, Table Hockey, Odds and Bobs, Lots of Good Stuff



Make new friends at the Diner's Club

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night of cards. Big notes of thanks to barbecue chefs Bob Hayward and Mel Smith and all others who helped prepare the evening's bill of fare.

The Community Care Diners' Club enjoyed an excellent luncheon at the Wilberforce Legion. A big note of thanks to the Wilberforce Legion Ladies Auxiliary for this fine meal. Next local Community Care Diners' Club meals will be held on September 14 at Martinwood Resort and on the 28th at the Wilberforce Legion. Meet and socialize with your friends and neighbours over a mouth watering meal. Please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596 for further information.

Best wishes for very speedy and full recoveries go out to Hazel Gerow and my fellow school board trustee and friend Bob Orr.

If you have any item of interest to share and you wish to submit it for the next feature of the Harcourt and Community News, please e-mail vsmith.rhapsody@sympatico.ca or call 705 448 3640

Upcoming events:

August 29: Bingo is held every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

August 30: Progressive Euchre is held every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Harcourt Community Centre. Cost is only \$2 so come out for an evening of great fun playing Euchre followed by a light social lunch. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

The centre is available for rent for weddings, anniversaries, etc. Please contact Debbie at 448-3155.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- **DATE:** Tuesday, September 11th, 2007
- **TIME:** 11:00 am
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-07-017 - Lands of Serenity Now Wilderness Retreat Inc
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize the location of an existing seasonal dwelling and an existing septic system in the WR3L zone
 - Permit an existing seasonal dwelling to have a water setback of 84 feet
 - Permit an existing septic system to have a water setback of 92 feet
 - Location: Part Lot 5, Concession 9, further described as Parts 2 to 4, Plan 19R-6323, Guilford Township (Growler Lake - south shore)
 - This file is a condition of application for consent H-032/2007
 - A zoning by-law amendment is being processed concurrently with this file
2. D13-MV-07-018 - Lands of Cuomo
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize the frontage and area of a lot in the WR4 zone. This will allow the owners to convey a portion of their lot to resolve a driveway encroachment.
 - Permit a lot frontage of 100 feet
 - Permit a lot area of 0.688 acres
 - Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 9, further described as Lot 134, Plan 524, Harburn Township (Haliburton Lake - Johnson Bay Road)
 - This file is a condition of application for consent H-131/2006 rev
3. D13-MV-07-019 - Lands of Merrill Barry Company Ltd.
 - Purpose and Effect: to legally recognize the area of a lot in the RU1 zone
 - Permit a lot area of 44.5 acres
 - Location: Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession 3, Havelock Township (Kennisus River - Kennisus Lake Road)
 - This file is a condition of application for consent H-047/2006 rev
4. D13-MV-07-021 - Lands of Nutt and Hoskins
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a private cabin in the WR4L zone
 - Permit a side lot line setback of 7.5 feet
 - Permit a private cabin to have a total gross floor area of 624 sq. feet
 - Location: Part Lots 31 and 32, Concession 8, Guilford Township (Miller's Lake - Artisan Lane)

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740

Date: August 28th, 2007

Patricia Martin, BES, MCTP, RPP
Secretary - Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Aug. 30:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary will hold their General Meeting at 7 p.m. Members please plan to attend.
- **Aug. 31:** Music by the Gull - Open-air concerts by the river in Minden, every Friday evening starting at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair & enjoy the music under the open skies by the river near the Post Office. This Friday features The Country Hot Flashes, country music.
- **Sept. 1-3:** Kinmount Fair - Featuring a variety of musicians, a grandstand show, parade, exhibitions, midway rides & more, the Kinmount Fair is a long-standing tradition in Kinmount. The fair runs this labour day weekend.
- **Sept. 1:** Gooderham United Church - Garage Sale, Saturday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Coffee, tea & snacks avail. Donations or info call June at 447-2838.
- **Sept. 1:** Fundraiser for Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Beef BBQ with all the fixings & music by Classic Rock Band PDG. There will be a beer & wine tent. Tickets for the beer & wine sold separately. Saturday 4 to 11 p.m. at the Kennisus Lake Lodge, 2107 Watts Rd. (Little Kennisus Lake). For cost & info call Ken or Sue Hill at 754-2941, info@kennisuslakelodge.com
- **Sept. 4:** Ontario Early Years - Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer vacation. The Minden & Haliburton Centres will be open starting Tues. Sept. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our regular hours are Mon. to Thurs., 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Sept. 9:** You are invited to the "Highlands Faith Church" with Pastor Bev & Pat Hicks. Every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (beginning Sept. 9) at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Music & Worship by Julie Hunter.
- **Sept. 9:** The public is invited to celebrate with the Rotary Club of Minden its 60th Charter Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 9. There will be a Social Hour from 5 to 6:30 at the Minden Cultural Centre. Share your best wishes, memories, & stories with friends old & new. Cash Bar. For more info call Jeanne Anthon 286-3756 or Joanna Penfold 286-2856.
- **Sept. 10:** Taoist Tai Chi® internal arts & methods free introduction at the Haliburton United Church, Pine St., 9:30 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. Call Maria 457-2200. Note the Taoist Tai Chi® Society of Canada is a registered charity & all instructors are accredited & are volunteers.
- **Sept. 12:** Minden Community Forum - Forth in a series of Forums. Hear from 'The Ontario Citizens Assembly' & 'Fair Vote Canada' about 'Electoral Reform in Ontario', & the Referendum that will be on the October selection ballot. Come hear & ask your questions at Minden United Church (21 Newcastle Street) at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Don at 286-1305.
- **Sept. 13:** Minden Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing & developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info. call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Sept. 14:** Taoist Tai Chi® internal arts & methods free introduction at Minden, Hyland Crest, 9:30 a.m. Call Amy 286-3615. Note the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada is a registered charity & all instructors are accredited & are volunteers.
- **Sept. 16:** Join Sonja Sedgwick-Procter in a Sing-a-long at the Gelert Hall on County Road #1. This event is in memory of Audrey Vick & proceeds will assist in the maintenance of the Gelert Hall. This outdoor event starts at 2 p.m. so bring your lawnchairs. Admission is by donation & refreshments will be available.
- **Sept. 17:** Taoist Tai Chi® internal arts & methods free introduction at Minden, Hyland Crest, 7:00 p.m. Call Amy 286-3615. Note the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada is a registered charity & all instructors are accredited & are volunteers.
- **Sept. 18:** Community Care has a trip planned. They are headed to Barrie for a lunch cruise on board the Serendipity Princess, which cruises Kempenfelt Bay, then onto Georgian Downs for a delicious buffet dinner & a chance to watch the races. For more info. about this trip & the trip club, please call 457-9603.
- **Sept. 19:** Taoist Tai Chi® internal arts & methods free introduction at Wilberforce, Lloyd Wilson Centre, 1:15 p.m. Call Brenda 447-2128. Note the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada is a registered charity & all instructors are accredited & are volunteers.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Take a fresh look at Haliburton County.** A new picture every day at <http://jackbush.my-expressions.com>
- **Sept. & Oct. CNIB** will be canvassing for our annual Door-to-Door Campaign. CNIB provides the services & support necessary to enjoy a good quality of life while living with vision loss. To volunteer, call Betty Batten at 1-800-563-0887, ext. 5235 or email betty.batten@cnib.ca
- **Ontario Early Years** - Move & Groove coming to Minden! This fun new stroller fitness program will be coming to the Minden Early Learning Centre in September. Parents & their children (still using a stroller) will walk together, learn about the importance of physical activity, gain tips to stay motivated, & have fun while enjoying the sights of Minden! Older siblings can take part in a supervised program at the centre during the walk. For info call the Minden Centre at 286-1770.
- **Summer Dinner Bell** - every Thurs. evening at 7 p.m. started July 5 & runs until Aug. 30. Rev. Bev Hicks from Faith Family Church in Ajax will be teaching from God's Word about Faith & Healing for today. These meetings will be held at 631 Mountain St. in Haliburton. Sponsored by Faith Family Church, in Ajax, & Haliburton Christian Outreach. For info call 457-2904.
- **Living with Cancer** - A Support Group for cancer survivors & those currently living with cancer meets on the 3rd Tues. of the month, 1-3 p.m. For info & to register, call Linda or Dorothy at 457-1742.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men & the women who love them are welcome. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild** meets on the second Tues. of each month at the Pritchard House across from the post office. Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** has changed our meeting place & will be meeting at the Minden Lion's Club, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., (north of the bridge in Minden). We meet on the 2nd Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. For more info. call: Anita Dobell at 457-3723.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, & other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tues. evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd Wed. of the month. Contact 286-1158 or 754-1656 for info.
- **Township of Algonquin Highlands** - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.

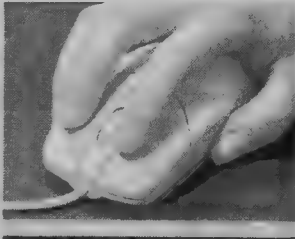
Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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Miscellaneous A230

FOR SALE - Sofa bed queen and orange plaid 68" wide like new \$100.00 Entertainment unit, oak with glass doors for t.v. and books etc 54 L x 21 1/2 w 48" H \$125.00 Call 457-5118

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Apartments Furnished A600

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Houses A650

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FOR RENT - 2 Bdrm Bung, quiet res. area Minden, amenities, Mn flr laund, 5 appl. Avail Oct 1/07, \$790/mth + util., no pets, non-smoking, 489-1732

Houses A650

FOR RENT - 2 bdrm house in Haliburton, near high school & hospital. \$750/mth + util. First & last plus references. Avail Sept 15. Call Heather 448-1292

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2001 Pontiac Grand Am - Blue/199,000 km	\$3,995
1999 Buick Century - White/172,000 km / AS IS	\$2,795
1992 Ford Cube Van - Red / 91,000 km / AS IS	\$3,900
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Houses A650

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Rooms A660

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Wanted to Rent A700

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Wanted to Rent

A700

Wanted to Rent - Retired female looking for year round unfurnished cottage or small home with in 40 miles of the Haliburton School of fine arts. Call Linda @ 416-566-1894

General Employment

A800

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HELP WANTED - Looking for a licensed Marine Technician Snowmobile knowledge preferable. Call 705-754-2352 or email kennismarina@hotmail.com

General Employment

A800

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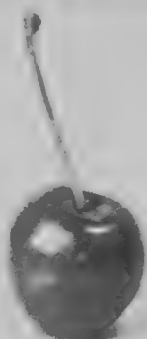
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Bill was an Airforce Veteran of W.W.II and 62 year member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #129 Haliburton. He retired from Air Canada after many years as a mechanic. He was a great athlete in his youth and excelled in Baseball, Hockey and Lacrosse.

At Bill's request there will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation has taken place.

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LETOURNEAU, Dorothy - March 12/39 - August 31/06

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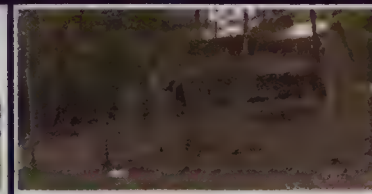


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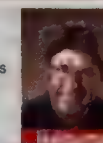


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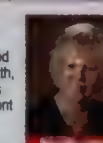


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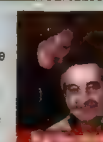


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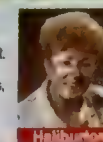


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Haliburton is getting older than the rest of Ontario

LAURA HENDRICK

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County is going grey much faster than the rest of the province.

Recent results from Statistics Canada show that the area's population is remarkably older than Ontario's norm. The median age in Haliburton is 50.4 years old, 11 years older than the provincial median of 39.0 years.

While cottage country has always been an attraction for retirees, the statistic show that seniors are taking on a growing part of the demographic pie. In 2001, the median age in Haliburton was 48.2. This recent increase means extra strain on the local health services.

Jeanne Anthon, chair of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board, says the county will not be caught off guard by the shift. "The board is preparing a very comprehensive strategic plan this fall and an aging population will certainly be a huge factor," she said.

Already the unique connection between Hyland Crest and the Minden hospital caters to community's older population. Anthon said this arrangement helps elders access quality medical help that might otherwise be difficult to reach. "Our hospital incorporates our long-term care, probably more than the usual hospital facility," she said.

Other groups such as Community Care Haliburton County, which pro-

See **Seniors** page 9



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Raise a glass to opera

The Highlands Opera Studio's success could be measured in the audience's enthusiastic response at a Saturday night's premiere. Three Fantastic Nights of Opera opened with *Fair Galatea*, a light-hearted and entertaining story about a statue that comes to life (played by Lindsay Barrett) and coveted by all the men around her, including the sculptor Pygmalion (Ryan Harper) and servant Ganymed (Adam Bishop of Bancroft.) Review is on page B1.

Uranium company staking its territory

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

In 1982 uranium mines in Bancroft and Bicroft were running low and became too expensive to operate.

Those mines were closed but recent uranium exploration has caught the

attention of residents in Highlands East.

At community forum in Gooderham on Aug. 18, Monmouth's Robin Simpson, who owns nearly 100 acres on Concession 8, lot #8, brought the topic to the attention of council and the public. He's concerned about not only losing his land, but also the health and environ-

mental issues that are often involved with mining.

Of the uranium exploration Reeve Dave Burton said, "I haven't heard much about it. Nothing has come into the township yet."

See **Uranium** page 9

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Find about electoral reform at upcoming meetings

A provincial referendum will be held on Election Day, October 10, to decide whether Ontario should adopt the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) system.

A public meeting to address the issue will be held on August 29 at 7 p.m. at Victoria Manor in Lindsay.

Bob MacDermid, a professor of political science at York University who resides in the Haliburton Highlands, will initially provide an international overview of proportional representation in general.

Marie McLaren, the Haliburton-Victoria-Brock member of the Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, will provide a synopsis of the MMP in particular.

Minden United Church is also hosting a community forum on the issue. It's on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.. All are welcome.

The Retired Teachers of Ontario, Haliburton Unit is sponsoring an information meeting on Wed., Sept. 19 at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton between 7 and 9 p.m.. Speakers include Marie McLaren of the Ontario Citizens' Assembly as well as Wilf Day of the Yes to MMP Committee.

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Clarence Rowbotham has dropped by the Echo office a few times to ask us when we're going to print the photo of him taking part in the Haliburton Rotary Parade, so here it is. He's going to be strumming his way to the Kinmount Fair this weekend.

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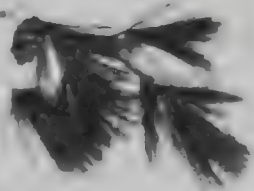
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Province eases burden on property taxes

NEL JUDSON

Special to The Echo

Haliburton County's bundle of expenses should be easier to bear next year with the provincial government's promise to upload social programs from municipalities.

Starting in January, the government will take on the total costs of the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Drug Benefits for social assistance recipients over the next four years. By 2011, the upload will have saved municipalities \$935 million altogether.

It's welcome assistance to Haliburton's four municipalities, which have struggled to cover their own costs while satisfying provincial coffers with property taxes. Almost half of every property tax dollar goes directly to the province. Ontario is the only province in Canada that takes this kind of a cut.

County Warden Murray Fearrey, who has recently been urging taxpayers to pressure provincial candidates on the issue, said the uploading is encouraging. Still, there is a lot more left to be done if municipalities are to deliver core services while keeping taxes from climbing each year.

"It's a step in the right direction but there is still a long way to go. Everything is going up in cost, so it really can't happen quickly enough."

Fearrey estimates the savings will amount to \$300,000 for Haliburton County next year.

Although it may seem natural to be wary of such pre-election gifts, Fearrey recognizes the move was done through government regulation so it's not merely an election promise by Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison agrees that the covered costs are a good starting point, yet they are not quite enough to totally relieve fiscal pressures. "I think giving municipalities something before the election is part in parcel with the government dealing with requests to address the fiscal imbalance."

McGuinty describes the uploading as part of a larger support plan aimed at improving the delivery and funding of municipal services.

"The downloading of these programs stands as one of the worst misjudgments of the previous government," he states in a press release. "They've been a burden to every municipality and we're taking them back in full."

Teen injured in accident

A 19-year-old teenager was airlifted to Toronto after the car he was a passenger in hit a rock cut south of Eagle Lake.

Brent Shearer of Pickering sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries in the single-vehicle accident last Thursday night around 6 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say the car was driven by 17-year-old Megan Gaic of Aurora. It had just started to rain when her car left the road on a turn and hit a rock cut on the south side of Haliburton Lake Road. She was not seriously injured.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Haliburton Highlands OPP officers Sgt. Liane Hooyenga and Const. Robin Carmount dropped by the Echo yesterday after receiving a call from a Tory Hill resident after discovering marijuana plants near their property.

It's harvest time – for the OPP

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Yesterday afternoon Haliburton Highlands OPP received a phone call from a resident who had discovered hundreds of marijuana plants growing near their property.

A few hundred yards in from an unnamed road near Tory Hill and down a beaten path, police discovered 300 to 500 plants and a bin of approximately 100

seedlings, which police believe were ready to plant. Police also found bags of fertilizer and manure at the scene.

Police said that one good-sized plant has an estimated street value of \$1,000. At this time there have no suspects; however, the investigation is on going.

Marijuana was also found growing near Hospital Road near Minden last week. September and October are the peak months for marijuana harvesting and if anyone comes across a marijuana crop to report it to police immediately.

Dysart firefighters welcome weekend's rain

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The weekend's rain might have been disappointing to anyone planning an outdoor event, but it was certainly welcomed by the Dysart Fire Department.

Forests got the good, long soak they've needed and, as a result, the risk of forest fires has been greatly diminished.

The rain allowed the department to finally remove the equipment that's been on a hill overlooking Drag Lake ever since August 16 when a lightning strike started a small forest fire on the Domain of Killien's property.

After fighting the fire for four days, firefighters were making twice-daily visits to the fire scene to put out any hot spots that erupted.

"The fire goes so deep into the ground and pops up," says Cleve Shaw, who was filling in for Fire Chief Miles Maughan.

Ed Muenzel and Ryan Rogers went back for days, knowing that if they didn't keep on top of any problem areas the fire could quickly get out of control.

Meanwhile, there was a smaller forest fire on Lipsey Lake last Tuesday. The fire was noticed by a woman riding her bike on West Shore Road. It burned a small area roughly 70 metres by 50 metres.

"It looks like someone had a campfire, probably on the weekend, on top of a tree root." Even though the campfire was extinguished, the root smoldered for a few days before catching on fire.

Shaw says the response from the volunteer firefighters was commendable. "It's been hard on everyone but if you ask someone to do something, they say yes."

From school board to provincial politics

Liberals choose Rick Johnson to run in October

Rick Johnson, the president of the Ontario Public School Boards Association, has been selected as the Ontario Liberal candidate for Haliburton Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the upcoming provincial election.

"I will defend public education and support for our children's schools," said Johnson at his nomination meeting in Lindsay last Thursday. "I will stand up and fight for rural Ontario – rural jobs, rural schools, and rural identity. I will provide the people of Haliburton Kawartha Lakes-Brock the strong representation they need and deserve," he said.

Special guests at his nomination, which was held at the Lindsay Boys and Girls Club in Lindsay, included Kathleen Wynne (MPP, Don Valley West and Minister of Education) and Jeff Leal (MPP, Peterborough).

"Rick Johnson is a fighter who is not afraid to speak out for our children's education or for his community," said Wynne. "Rick has an impressive record of accomplishments. He will be a strong voice and a powerful advocate for the people of Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock."

Johnson and his wife Terri have made their home and raised their family in Pontypool. Since 1997, he has served his community as a public school trustee for Trillium Lakelands District School Board. In 2001, he was elected to serve as chair of the Trillium Lakelands board. In 2000, he was elected to serve on the Ontario Public School Boards Association, representing Trillium Lakelands. In 2004, Johnson was elected to serve as president of the Ontario Public School Boards Association, serving for three consecutive terms.



Rick Johnson started his political career with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Joining him at his nomination for the riding's provincial candidacy is Ontario Education Minister Kathleen Wynne and federal candidate Marlene White.

As president, Johnson worked with school boards, teachers, and the provincial government to strengthen public education. This past week, Johnson resigned as president in advance of his nomination.

"It's time to stand up and be counted on public education," said Johnson. "The McGuinty Liberals have made tremendous progress in public education and

now the Conservatives are threatening that again, with a scheme to cut \$500 million to fund private religious schools."

"I am running as a McGuinty Liberal because I believe in the progress this government is making," Johnson said. "The Liberals are the only party that can make sure Haliburton Kawartha Lakes-Brock, with all of Ontario, continues to grow and prosper."

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Residents want to give council some HELP

Group first needs help from Gooderham

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Could HELP be on the way for residents and politicians in Highlands East? Well it's almost certain it will be if Wilberforce's Paul Hazen can recruit a few more volunteers from the Gooderham area.

The Highlands East Liaison Program, or HELP, is a strategy that Hazen hopes to launch by the end of October. While the program is still in the early stage of its development, now is the time for Hazen to gather input into the direction it should take.

The primary objective for HELP is to

act as a conduit between ratepayers and council. If people feel frustrated that their voices aren't heard often enough, HELP's goal is to eliminate as much of that frustration as possible.

Hazen would like to see council use HELP if they're having trouble or difficulty finding resources to solve problems. As well, HELP could educate and give feedback to residents who express concerns on an issue.

The idea behind HELP isn't new. The idea of public feedback was expressed by Dave Burton and campaign manager, Brent Clarkson, during Burton's quest for reeve.

Hazen says for whatever reason, the idea was lost in the shuffle and never followed up on. Hazen, who's retired, decided to help form the committee.

"My hopes are to get something going and be able to withdraw from it and have

it run," said Hazen who's in the midst of building a house. "Right now we're just getting names of people who want to do something for their community."

Hazen has the names of seven people interested in joining the committee, including Clarkson. Hazen's aim is that the committee consists of two people from each ward as a minimum for start up. One or two more people are needed from the Gooderham area before anything moves forward.

"I wouldn't start it up unless I have some representatives from Gooderham. This can not be a one area concern, it's not a one municipality facility," he said.

Though he knows a few people who would fit well on the committee, Hazen would prefer not to tap on any shoulders as most of the people he knows are already involved with many community projects.

He doesn't want anyone getting burnt out, so he's hoping people will come forward.

But even before the committee is established much can be done. Hazen is pondering the possibility of meetings, or having a flyer to send around to get some ideas flowing.

Hazen believes there is a tremendous amount of good that four ward councillors and one reeve can do but they have to have the resources.

"HELP is a machine to facilitate between council and public issues," he said.

If interested in becoming a member of HELP or you would like to express an idea, Paul Hazen can be reached at 705-448-1030 or paul.hazen@sympatico.ca. You can also contact Matt James at mjjames@haliburtonecho.ca.



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Music for the soul

STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND, on Wednesday people have the choice of going to two operas in Haliburton. If they have time to have a nap in the afternoon, they could go to both.

In the darkness of early, early morning, they can arrive at Haliburton Forest where they will make their way to Wildcat Lake. As dawn lights the stage, R. Murray Schafer's *Princess of the Stars* will glide onto the stage – the lake itself. Gradually the magic behind the madness of making people arrive for “opening curtain” at four in the morning will dawn on them. They'll be amazed by the creative mind that could have dreamt this up. Then they'll pinch themselves to remember this is not a dream.

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martha perkins

Twelve hours after the performance ends, dusk will be settling in over Head Lake, in downtown Haliburton. Fortified by that afternoon nap, invigorated by having their senses awakened by *Princess of the Stars*, inspired to open their minds to new adventure, they will take their seats in the comfortable (and much warmer) seats of the Northern Lights Pavilion. Here they will enjoy two delightful one-act operas performed by participants in the Highlands Opera Studio. (You can call the performers “students” only if you adhere to the adage of life-long learning. The seven young opera singers may have come to the Highlands to learn how to advance their skills but they are deserving of their aspirations to spend their lives being paid to sing opera.)

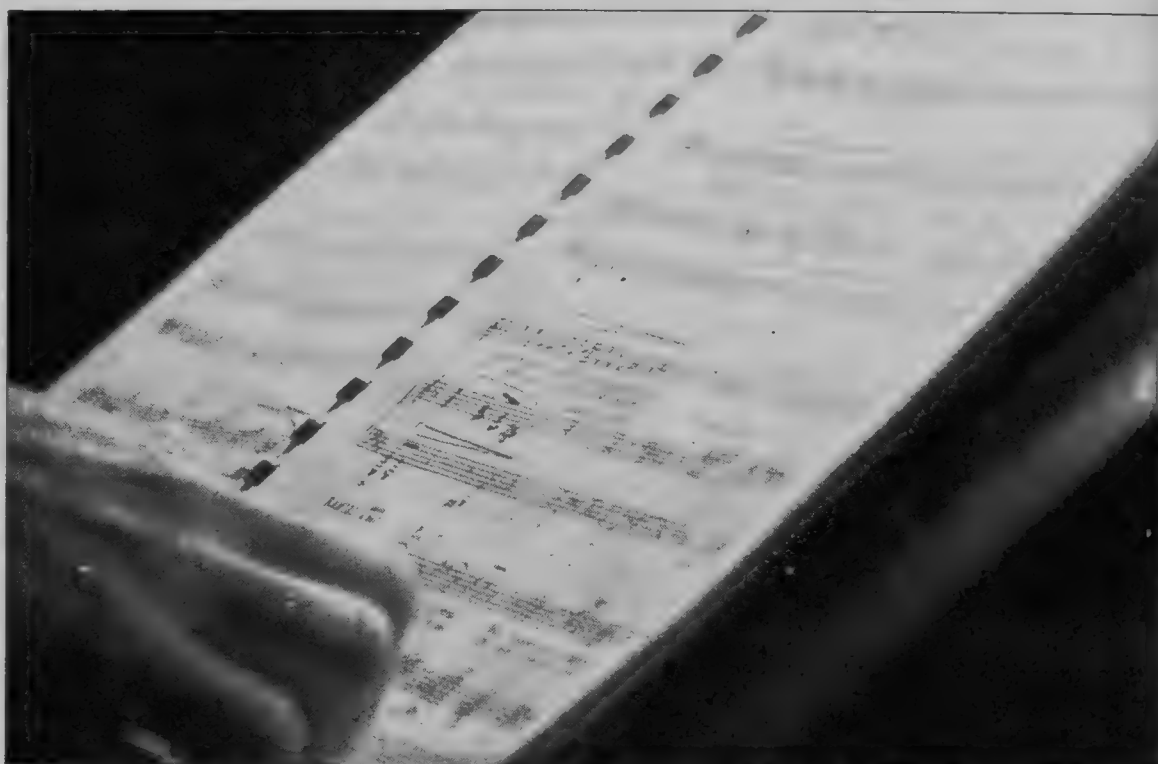
Both of these performances will be well attended and well received. While *Princess of the Stars* will primarily attract people from outside the Highlands, the Highlands Opera Studio relies on local residents and cottagers with a craving for the music. Haliburton provides the setting for one, the opportunity for the other, and the enthusiasm for both.

Anyone who may have thought that opera would be a bit of a gamble in the Highlands should have bet on the strong musical presence that already exists here. Hundreds of people sing in choirs. There's a wind symphony and a brass quintet. The five-day music festival in the spring hints at the vast number of people who feel music is important in their lives. Rehearsals begin this fall for *Man of La Mancha*.

People have retired here because they know these opportunities to sing and perform with others exist. Music is very important in their lives and now that they have more time to indulge they want to experience the joy of sharing music with others. Maybe they put their own musical aspirations aside in order to have a more financially secure career. Maybe they were not quite good enough to do it full time. But the passion for music has never gone away.

Wednesday's applause, therefore, isn't solely for the performers. It's for all the people in the Highlands who have made this extraordinary week possible.

Bravo, Haliburton!



It starts with a few notes

Photo by MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

Conflicts

This year, once again, we have a huge problem. That's right, the early goose season in our area coincides with our kids going back to school. Someone needs to be fired.

I'm not sure whom yet; maybe someone with executive powers in the Canadian Wildlife Service or perhaps their counterpart in the school board - probably both. What were they thinking when they chose the same dates?

Do you know how guilty I feel drinking coffee in a goose blind while my wife has to go through all that first-day-of-school mayhem by herself?

It's a Herculean task that no one should go through alone. And she wouldn't have to if it didn't coincide with the first day of goose season either.

I mean there she'll be, getting the kids up on time for the first time this summer, feeding them a nutritious breakfast, arguing with my daughter over which clothes to wear, making sure that they wash up correctly, including behind the ears, providing them a healthy lunch, calming them down, and then ensuring they haven't forgot any school supplies while, at the same time, pushing them out the door so that they can be on time for the bus.

You can't even imagine how difficult this is for me. Often, just the stress of thinking about this throws my goose calling off. Believe me, it's noticeable.

I'm sure I'm not alone in this situation either. There are probably several other goose hunters who are also under this intense level

of hardship. I know if I miss a bird or two, it can, and will be, directly attributable to this. Is that fair?

I mean here we have a very important day for everyone - the opener of goose season - being conflicted by the first day of school. It's not like we've been waiting all summer for that, is it?

My poor wife can only do so much. With all this first day of school preparation, she's having a hard time concentrating on mending my goose hunting clothes, critiquing my calling, and helping me organize decoys. I tried to show a little understanding, but the bottom line is that someone's got to do this stuff.

To make matters worse, often the school buses will pass in the distance near our goose-hunting

field. And, being the good father I am, I'll get the camera out and take a back-to-school photo from the blind. This happens despite the fact that we are seeing specks that might be geese on the distant horizon. What can I say? I'm sentimental.

But should I have to go to all this trouble? I think we all know the answer.

So, if anyone responsible for these two conflicting dates is reading this, I'm calling you out. There's still time to do something about it - you've got a little over a week; make a few calls.

Either move the first day of school back or move the first day or goose season forward. It's time to be reasonable. For goodness sake man, this is affecting my calling.

the not so great



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On the shores of a lake

Becky looked at the sky with a sinking feeling. Low grey clouds stretched horizon to horizon and there was a slight wind that could play havoc with a canoe. Becky and her cousin Mark and his son Pete were about to head out to a new spot for a few days of camping.



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They hoisted the canoe unto Mark's car roof, strapped Pete into his car seat and wheeled the packed-to-the-limit little car onto the highway. Becky wondered how they were going to fit everything into the canoe but Mark, ever the optimist, was confident and even willing to make two trips by canoe if necessary.

The drive north was uneventful. When they arrived at the boat launch, Becky and

Mark tugged the canoe off the roof to place it in the water while Pete looked for stones to add to his ongoing collection and asked a million questions. Where is our campsite? When will we get there? Where will we go to the bathroom? What's for lunch?

They pushed their overloaded vessel away from shore and started out. There was a wind but fortunately it was going with them, helping to push their heavy canoe toward its unknown destination.

The water was as grey as the sky but the air was fresh with pine. Becky saw that the lake was almost entirely circled with pine trees. They clung to the rocky terrain, shields of smooth stone sliding into the water. Pockets of water and trout lilies bunched together in small inlets and Becky mused aloud that this might be a good fishing lake. At this Pete's eyes lit up. He had a new fishing rod and was anxious to try it out.

Their site was confirmed by the numbered sign on a tree. After tucking the canoe into a convenient space between the rocks, all three piled out to inspect where they would be living for the next two nights. The ground was fairly level above the shore, sloping gently down to the water's edge. Becky pointed out it would be ideal for swimming with a few larger rocks to jump off. They walked over a soft carpet of pine needles to where Mark thought they should pitch the tent. A large newly constructed fire box was nestled amongst more rock on which they would place their cooking stove and other supplies. And last but certainly not least, they found just the tree branch over which to suspend the food away from animals at night.

Before Pete could ask yet again when they could go fishing, a loon popped up like a cork not far from their unpacked canoe. Water glistened on its gently curving head and neck, alerting Becky to the unexpected appearance of the sun from behind the clouds. It looked as though the sky was clearing. Pete was entranced by the loon which quickly disappeared in a silent arc only to re-emerge nearby. Becky told him the loon was another good sign of fish.

Setting up camp was surprisingly quick and while Mark made coffee for the adults, Becky baited Pete's hook with a worm and began to show him how to cast. She wasn't having much success so Mark took over between sips of coffee while Becky watched. They lost a few worms to something in the water and then the big one hit. Pete's excited yells were quieted while Mark worked at landing a bass without a net. Pete stared at the gasping fish and felt its slippery scales. Then they all agreed to throw it back. Now the sun was brilliant, winking off the fish's body as it leapt back into the lake. Becky wished she could stay there forever.



Life seemed to be a lot of fun to the Gorrie family. The collection of photos on display at the Haliburton Highlands Museum also hints at times of sadness for the Haliburton family, as does the story on pages 25 and 26 of this week's Echo.

pic of the past

letters to the editor

Emergencies prove need for airport

To the Editor:

Two recent items in your newspaper reminded me that Stanhope Airport well serves Haliburton County.

The forest fire at Drag Lake and the airlifting of an injured motorcyclist are greatly facilitated by having a nearby community airport. Both Ministry of Natural Resources waterbombers and Medevac Helicopters need a convenient airport for re-fueling and crew changes, thereby giving timely response for an emergency.

Thank you Stanhope Airport.

Joe Foster,
Kennis Lake Cottager

Fight water application

To the Editor:

Well here we go again! Royel Paving/K.J. Beamish as of August 24 has reapplied for a permit to take water. They have applied for the same amount per day but have reduced the number of days.

It has been rumoured that the Ministry of Natural Resources was supposed to make their decision this month. So far we have heard nothing from them on their final decision. The fact that there is a new permit to take water makes me wonder what this company knows that we don't.

It seems they are relentless in keeping this permanent asphalt plant moving forward regardless of a confirmed decision from the MNR.

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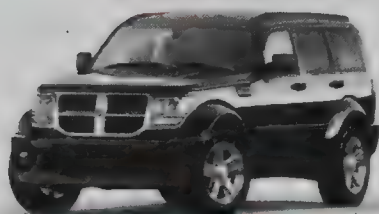
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Seniors need services

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vides food, transportation and company to residents in need, are trying to keep pace with the changing population. In the past five years, annual volunteer hours have shot up from 8,000 to 20,000.

"We definitely have felt an increase in the last few years. The needs of our residents have increased," says executive director Donna MacDonald. The group is currently trying to ensure that all residents receive the care and resources they deserve. With about 180 volunteers on board, manpower should not be the problem. It is financial resources that the group is running short of.

"The Ministry of Health for the last two years has only increased our funding by 1.5 per cent," MacDonald said. She noted that fundraising efforts fail to make up where the province leaves off.

However, the municipality has given the group strong support.

"[The county] has been very good in terms of giving us financial support. As our costs go up a little extra is always useful."

The next step for council may be creating more senior housing. At this summer's ratepayers' meetings, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton says he has heard several requests on the issue. He says it is possible to create more retirement homes, noting that he has already been approached by a developer interested in building one in Cardiff.

Since senior residents face more struggles travelling than other age groups, Burton is also trying to bring medical help closer by recruiting more doctors. "Our population warrants two or three doctors; it would be nice to have at least one," he said.

Burton was surprised by the Statistics Canada results. But just as it is a challenge to attract physicians to Haliburton County, he says it is likewise difficult to attract other young professionals that could even out the demographics.

"If we had some jobs here I guess we'd have more of a balance, but it's hard to get industry here."

Uranium prices make exploration feasible

from page 1

At least two companies are involved in the land staking and/or exploration of uranium in the area. They are El Nino Ventures and Nevada's CanAm Uranium Corp. According to www.elninoventures.com, El Nino's website, in November 2006 El Nino entered an option agreement that will see CanAm finance the coming stages of exploration. The website also stated that between 1956 and 1982 more than 14 million pounds of uranium oxide were produced from the mines in Bancroft.

Fern Turner, investor relations for El Nino Ventures, says prices for uranium are up because of increased demand. "Half of France and Europe in general is run by nuclear power," she says. "With the Cigar Lake fall back, uranium prices have been soaring. The closing of past producing uranium mines is also contributing to the raise in price."

In an article dated June 8, 2007 on the CanAm website, www.canamuranium.com, it was announced that CanAm had completed the drilling of nine holes, with a distance of approximately 6,525 ft from May 1-28 in

Bancroft. El Nino is expected to put a rush on the results of the core samples.

There are seven projects in Highlands East. According to a front-page article of the Belleville Intelligencer on March 26, 2007 it is too early to know whether the former mines are worth re-opening.

The author of the article, W. Brice McVicar, spoke with Ryan Gibson, chief executive officer of CanAm Uranium Corp.. Gibson said the company has not examined the logistics of opening any mines but is, instead, hoping to prove that the uranium is of sufficiently high grade to make an open mine pay. Once the drilling operations begin, this should be achieved.

The type of uranium that would be collected east of Bancroft is described by Turner as ".31 per cent uranium" and "very mineable." She adds, "However there could be environmental issues that they would have to deal with."

Simpson wants to do everything in his power to stop any mines opening near his property.

Uranium is necessary for the use of nuclear power, but it can also be used in arms.

Send comments to MOE

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Although I am still hopeful, I feel we must not let down our guard and we also must be relentless to stop it. We have another opportunity to send in our comments to the Ministry of Environment. I suggest we act fast! You can send your new comments re the water taking only to peter.g.taylor@ontario.ca. Including any technical reasons for rejection would be encouraged. Note the proponent applied for an indefinite water-taking permit. Remember this is classified as permanent asphalt plant according to their pre-bid. I believe the MOE will be watching very carefully how many letters are received within the allowed time frame. the deadline is September 23.

Cathy Logan-Graab
Irondale River Protection Association

Do the bear math

To the Editor:

Without taking sides on the issues raised in the *Highlands Weekender*, do you suppose the oversupply of bears currently are the ones who were saved when their mothers weren't shot in the spring bear hunts — grown up?

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Gooderham post office is safe this year: forum

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Highlands East council now knows what's on the minds of Gooderham and Wilberforce residents.

At the public forum in Gooderham on August 18 there were outbursts and apologies from both the public and council as a small group of ratepayers discussed such issues as the post office, road resurfacing, landfill sites, the proposed asphalt plant, the hiring of a fire chief and, most recently, the land staking for uranium being performed on some properties in Highlands East.

Robin Simpson is not only concerned about the staking that's being done; he's also worried about the military uses of uranium and the impact that mining would have on the environment and people's health.

"Their goal is to look at and reopen every uranium mine from Bancroft right down into this township. I'm willing to take this issue to the highest court in the land," he said, adding that any help he could get from council would be appreciated.

Reeve Dave Burton said he had not heard much about the exploration and that nothing had come to the township yet. (For a story on the uranium exploration see page 1.)

The possible closure of the Gooderham post office was raised but Burton was quick to correct residents' concerns.

"There was never any discussion of closing the post office period, none. There were a couple of questions raised about the cost but that's it," said Burton.

Councillor Gary Stoughton said that, "I don't believe that myself, or any of the council, stated that we were going to shut the place. We just were told by our auditors that we shouldn't be running post offices."

An information package made available at the forum reported that the post office had expenses of \$5,550 and revenues of only \$1,345, creating a total loss of \$4,305. The building is the former Glamorgan township office. It also houses the library and the postmistress is a municipal employee who also provides municipal services.

Burton believes it's best to leave the issue at this time, stating that the cost of running the post office has been covered in the budget. The post office will be talked about as part of the next budget.

Residents also inquired about progress in hiring a local fire chief. Currently Miles Maughan, the fire chief for Dysart et al, is Highlands East's interim fire chief. (Council fired its former fire chief earlier this year.) Maughan is urging council to begin the process of finding a new chief, as he is overwhelmed with the two responsibilities.

Burton said that council had not started its search, saying there was no excuse other than they've been busy with other things. Burton also said that Maughan has worked out quite well and that's he's done a great job.

Many topics regarding landfill sites were also brought up. Residents complained that garbage and recycle bins aren't being emptied often enough and that garbage is amassing at the transfer site. They also requested that the site be open on Friday instead of Saturday.

Instead of having only one hazardous waste day a year, residents suggested that bins for certain hazardous wastes could and should be onsite at all times and without risk.

Burton said council will be meeting Sept. 27 to address all issues regarding landfill sites.

Residents also expressed concern about roads, from traffic flow to speeding to resurfacing. An Ursa Rd. resident said more money has been spent grading and replacing gravel than what it might have cost, or would cost in the long run, to have the road hard topped. Council said they would bring the matter to the table.

Chuck Viner was vocal in his disappointment in Councillor Stoughton swinging his vote from a no to yes in regards to supporting the asphalt plant in Irondale.

"You double-crossed us, pal," said Viner.

"If I did I don't remember saying it," said Stoughton. "The reason I voted for it is because I figured this would come to a head. The only way we're going to get this thing solved is if the Ministry of Natural Resources says yes or no, and that's not going to happen if we keep complaining and arguing about it. I believe this is the way to get it straightened up."

Viner said that council knew from day one that the final decision was going to come from the MNR; however, the MNR said that it would pay close attention to what the local council felt.

"I'm sorry I made a different decision, but through my own people in my own ward, talking to them, I've never had anybody, honestly, I'll swear on the bible, I've never had one person tell me that I've made the wrong decision by voting for the asphalt plant."

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Wilberforce

After the Gooderham public forum, council opened its doors in Wilberforce. Topics such as freon removal from fridges, landfill lifespans, the bear problem, police presence and the Grace River and White Lake dam were discussed. The atmosphere was much more relaxed.

Many of the concerns have already been addressed by council. When a resident complained of a lack of police presence in the area, Burton said that council had talked to police heads and was told that they more officers would be in the area. Apparently that has never happened and Burton said that more phone calls and complaints to the police were needed. A number of hands were raised in the crowd, each one belonging to an individual who had made at least one call to police with a complaint.

The reeve then suggested that a list be compiled so in the future council will have hard evidence to present to police on the matter. Who would be responsible to compile such a list wasn't discussed; however, resident Paul Hazen brought forward an idea known as HELP—Highlands East Liaison Program, a committee made out of approximately eight people, (two representations from each ward) who would act as a communication tool between council and the public.

On the issue of bears Burton commented that it isn't only a concern of Highlands East, but of the county. (Three days after the forum, Burton had spoken with the MNR and the county warden about the issue. "They have pointed us out as a hot spot," he said. The only new information he had was that bear season was extended for two weeks and that MNR would continue to talk with the county and Highlands East about the resolving the issue.)

Another issue was that of the condition and repair of the Grace River dam. Council had been told that there wasn't supposed to be any scheduled work until this fall, but residents complained that the water levels were down a foot.

"I've have got three calls because of the water levels," said Stoughton via telephone on August 26. "People are worried about their wells going dry."

At the forum Stoughton warned residents that they should start storing water and while the *Echo* has not been able to speak with proper personal at TSW, it appears that Stoughton and residents on the river were not warned about the lowering water levels and dam repair.

And so it appeared to Stoughton that the work on the dam is one of an emergency.

On the topic of landfill sites, council said that the Wilberforce landfill site would expand after receiving a 10-year extension. The site will grow from the current size of 40,000 cubic meters to 80,000 cubic meters.



MATT JAMES/Echo

You don't need to ask 15-year-old Strat Barrett if there's a particular good time to go for a swim; the kid should have gills. The Toronto native leaps from a diving board into the warm waters at his Gooderham Lake cottage.

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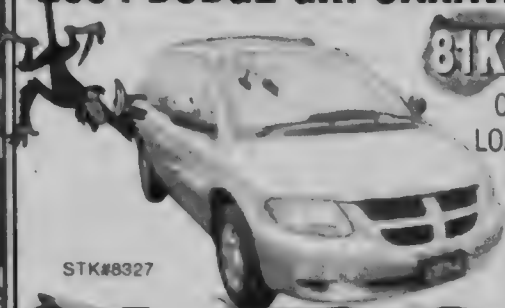
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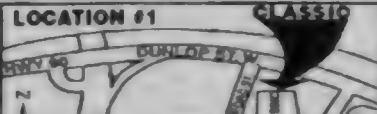
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Dysart gets flurry of requests for snow removal

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It's not even yet Labour Day, but already some people in the Highlands have winter on their minds.

During the last meeting of Dysart council two of four delegations were dedicated to the topic of winter road maintenance, with local residents and cottagers requesting that the township assume responsibility for clearing and sanding their roadways.

Andrew Forester, who spoke on behalf of the Bonham's Bay Road Association, playfully dubbed this time of year as the "whiny cottager season," acknowledging that the issue is one that is raised every fall. Nevertheless, he asked that council reconsider assuming responsibility for a 1.7-kilometre stretch of Indian Point Road, which runs alongside Drag Lake, since the roadway services 31 cottages and residences, all of which contribute tax dollars.

"In the past I believe the minimal services provided by the municipality were adequate and satisfactory, but in recent years the circumstances have changed," he said. "Use has changed from summer vacation to more broader uses. Levies have risen dramatically over the years, and our perception, with all due respect, is that services have not risen, only kept in parallel."

Since part of Indian Point Road is already plowed and sanded in the winter, Forester said his association is hopeful that the drivers can just continue on to the "bitter end."

"All we're asking is that the snow

removal crew – who are already out there – carry on for another 1.7 kilometres and remove snow from the point where they stop now to the very end," he told council.

Although the roadway services 31 residences, Forester says only half of those homeowners belong to the Bonham's Bay Road Association, which pays to have the road plowed and sanded in the winter by a private company. Forester said the municipality currently gives the association a grant of approximately \$1,000 each year for snow removal, but notes that as the price of gas has gone up, so too has the cost of winter maintenance. Last year, it's estimated the association spent nearly \$3,500 on snow removal, and for this winter it will cost them \$140 for each visit from a plow, plus an additional \$140 for each load of sand.

Gary Gough, secretary treasurer for the association, told the Echo that the crux of the debate is over the inequity in services being delivered to cottagers and those in more remote corners of the municipality.

"We're looking for a fair shake. In other words, a more equitable share of services," he said in an interview.

Gough added that residents in wards closer to the village benefit from a number of different services, such as snow removal on roadways and sidewalks, summer repair of sidewalks, and the maintenance and beautification of Head Lake Park, all of which come at a cost to taxpayers across the board.

"Because of market value assessment, we pay more but we get less. The output

simply doesn't equal the input of tax dollars," he said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said the issue of winter road maintenance is one that surfaces every year, but notes that the municipality has "dramatically increased" the amount of roads serviced over the past few years.

"We look at everything every year and then, based on finances, safety and plow routes we make adjustments," said Fearrey. "We have quite a few municipal road beds that are maintained in the summer but not maintained in the winter, either because they are not safe, are not to a standard that is acceptable, or sometimes because we'd have to add a plow and more manpower."

Fearrey understands the arguments being made but also notes that areas such as Bonham's Bay have never been serviced by snow plows, and residents in those areas are aware of that upon moving in.

"It depends on where you choose to live. If you move into an area that isn't already being serviced, then your hope is ultimately that it will one day be serviced, but it's going to take time to do that, and in some cases it may never be serviced due to the location," he said.

A second and similar delegation was given by Robert Young and Lynne Tate on behalf of the residents of Cruiser Lake Road and Bonnyville Road. Although the area only has one permanent, year-round residence (Tate's), Young told council that the two roadways service 15 lots directly or indirectly, including nine buildings that are complete – four with active building

permits and five with occupancies.

Though Young did touch on the issue of taxation, much of his talk revolved around the need for year-round access in the case of emergencies.

"In the case of a fire or 911 call, without winter access where does the liability stand," Young asked of council. "Due to the number of residences, due to construction, and due to the year-round status of structures being built now compared to 15 years ago, we feel a year-round safe access in the area really is a necessity."

Both delegations were told that a decision would not be made until a later date. Rather than jumping the gun, Fearrey said that council as a whole will examine the larger picture in September and the system will be tweaked and fine-tuned from there.

"We will have to look at each case individually, based on what the plow route and times are, and how many turn-around areas there are," he said. "Everything will get reviewed on its own merit, and we will also have to take into consideration what the road superintendent recommends."

Fearrey said that if people are eager to have their road plowed a delegation to council is not always necessary. Instead, residents or road associations can submit their requests in writing and will receive a response in the fall.

"And even if we don't add it this year, that doesn't mean it shouldn't be reviewed every year," he added.

"Our desire would be, if we could, to maintain all our roads all of the time, but that's simply not possible. Even still, that's not to say we aren't working towards it."

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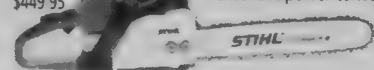
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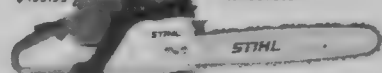
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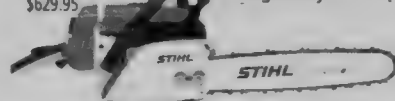
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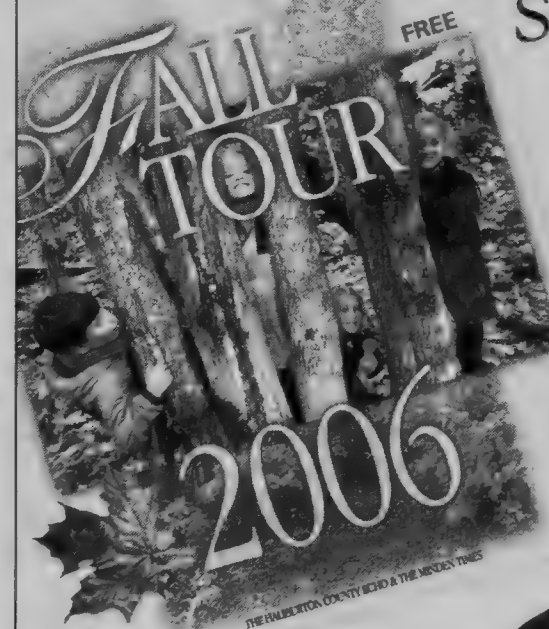
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Eagle Lake lightning strike hits 'too close for comfort'

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

It was around 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, when Janet Dawson was rudely awakened in her cottage on Eagle Lake.

"I was just lying there in bed and all of the sudden there was this incredible explosion. It sounded as though a bomb had gone off," she says. "It was raining outside, so I knew that lightning had hit close, but I didn't realize just how close."

As the blast resonated through the house, Dawson's son and daughter – Alex, 14 and Lindsay, 12 – rushed into mom's bedroom, where the family dog was now cowering beneath her bed.

"My son even woke up, and he's a teenager, so that gives you an idea of how loud it was," she laughs.

Moments later, Dawson's father, 80-year-old Ted Waring, rushed into the cottage from the family's bunkie in a panic. As Dawson remembers it, he was yelling "The bunkie's on fire, there are sparks shooting everywhere."

"My dad went running back, and so did my son, while I picked up the phone to call 911. That's when I realized that the phone was dead...we had no service."

Fortunately for the Dawsons, the bunkie was not actually on fire. Instead, the family quickly discerned that lightning had struck a nearby oak tree, sending a powerful jolt of electricity through the tree's roots, into the ground, and up a buried telephone line.

Once it reached the bunkie, the surge caused sparks to shoot wildly from the building's copper pipes which was scary, yes, but not as urgent as a fire in an area with no cellphone service.

The lightning struck about 15 feet from the bunkie. The tree is still standing but is now marred with scars from the strike. Along its trunk jagged strips of bark are missing, resembling a carrot only peeled in sections.

On a roadway below the tree large chunks of rock were blown from the ground, some landing up on Haliburton Lake Road, while others flew 15 to 20 feet away. One even smashed right through one of the plastic patio chairs seated around the family's fire pit.

"That's when I realized just how powerful and close it was," says Dawson. "It's just really too close for comfort. We have 10 acres of land here and the lightning picked that spot, 15 feet from our fire pit. We sit there a lot, and if it was a different time of day we might have all been sitting there."

Equally as frightening, she says, is the randomness and unpredictability of a lightning strike.

"It really hit me as an odd spot for lightning to hit. That is not the highest line of trees and there are other things that are higher and things that are more exposed, like our old television antenna," she says. "For some reason that bolt of lightning picked a spot that, intuitively, you wouldn't think it would go to."

For Dawson, the strike was a wake-up call, both figuratively and literally. Although she says that she has always taken lightning fairly seriously, she will now be sure to avoid taking any chances and urges the rest of Haliburton County to do the same.

"[The strike] sent an incredible amount of electricity quite far. So not only do you not want to be under a tree during a lightning storm, you don't even want to be near a tree," she says.

"I just think this is a reminder to people that we all need to take thunder and lightning very seriously. That



GREG HOEKSTRA/ECHO

Janet Dawson was in bed on the morning of August 16 when a powerful lightning bolt struck an oak tree on her Eagle Lake property. The tree, seen in the background, had strips of bark torn off by the blast.

morning wasn't like there was tons of lightning and you'd just know to stay in. It was thundering, it was loud, it was raining, but even still it seemed to come out of nowhere and was obviously incredibly powerful."

"I guess what I'm trying to say is, don't underestimate the power of Mother Nature. We didn't have the big storm this year, like last summer, but she's still lurking, so don't get complacent."

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Staff Reporter

How far would you run for a belt buckle? For Jason Glecoff, the answer would be 100 miles – and it wouldn't be an exaggeration.

Starting at the crack of dawn next Saturday, September 8, Glecoff will be one of many runners from across the globe taking part in the 14th annual 100-mile ultra marathon at Haliburton Forest. The race, which is part of the Ontario Ultra Series, takes participants through a series of the forest's back roads and trails and must be completed in 30 hours or less. Upon completion, runners are rewarded with a honorary belt buckle.

This will be Glecoff's fourth year competing in the ultra series but his first time running the 100-mile race. In his first year he completed the 50-kilometre event, and in his second and third years he completed the 50-mile race.

As a result, Glecoff is no stranger to the trails or the terrain of Haliburton Forest. That's not to say he doesn't still have a daunting challenge ahead of him that will require every ounce of willpower that he can muster up.

"I can't imagine going more than 50 miles, really," he says.

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GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo



"I got to the 50-mile mark last year and I was completely done. I didn't want to go another step. But now this year I have to turn around and do it again. I really don't know how I'm going to do it," says Jason Glecoff who is taking part in next weekend's 100-mile ultra marathon at Haliburton Forest.

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To put it in perspective, running 100 miles is the equivalent of running straight south from Haliburton Village to the shores of Lake Ontario, and then some. It's about the same as running the length of a football field more than 1,000 times.

Likewise, whereas most marathons are 26 miles and run on paved roadways, the Haliburton Forest ultra marathon takes runners on a journey through sometimes thick and heavy bush, which makes for a much more challenging experience that requires participants to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

"It's harder on you mentally because every step you have to watch," says Glecoff. "In a road marathon every step is the same, essentially, so you can get into a rhythm. That doesn't really happen out in the woods, and it gets especially tough when you get tired and your feet become harder to lift."

With such an immense physical challenge ahead of him, Glecoff says he has been training in the trails near his home for months. Part of that regiment involves pushing his body to limits, and forcing himself to run for miles at the most inconvenient of times.

"Sometimes I go out running at night when I just want to go to bed. Other

times I'll get up at 2 or 3 a.m. to run, or I'll run in the morning then run again when I get home from work," he says. "Basically, I run when I really don't want to run. I push myself to do things that I don't want to do, and I sometimes have days where I will fast and try to tire myself out."

But even with such an intense training

schedule, Glecoff says he feels the key to completing the 100-mile race is mental strength, not physical. He says that runners

have been known to hallucinate during the trek so his plan is to stay focused on the goal and listen to his body and what it is telling him.

"I don't think I can be totally prepared for this race. I just need to know that I can push myself. I'm the type of person that won't quit until they take me off the course, and at this race they have doctors there to do it, too," he laughs.

Glecoff says that unlike the 50-mile, which took him 12 hours to complete last summer, he plans to pace himself a lot more and stop at rest stations - which are situated every five miles along the course - to eat solid food, take in fluids, and rest.

"There's a lot more pacing involved in this race. During the 50-mile I obviously

had to pace myself a little bit, but for the most part I just ran, occasionally slowing down to do a little walking," he says.

"I also take salt pills, because if you're not taking salt you can't retain any water," he adds. "What I actually do is watch my fingers, because they swell when I am retaining water, and start to shrink if I'm not. So I just watch my fingers and how

they - swell around my wedding ring."

Admittedly, the 38-year-old husband and father doesn't look like the aver-

age marathon runner.

"I'm not a good runner and I'm not built for running. I'm built more like a hockey player or football player, and I'm heavy on my feet," he says, describing his stocky 5-foot-7, 170-pound frame.

However, for Glecoff, running has always been the exercise of choice, stemming back to a childhood stroke that he suffered at age 10.

"[After the stroke] I was told I shouldn't play certain sports and couldn't get knocked around," he says. "So I guess I wanted to see how much I could push myself."

In high school, Glecoff began running cross-country and at age 20 he ran the Montreal marathon before putting his

passion on the backburner.

"Around that time I started working for a living and all that ended," he recalls. "Then suddenly I had a pot belly, weighed 230 pounds, and was terribly out of shape."

"But then one day I got married and had kids and I realized I had to get back in better shape. I've always been a really hot and cold person, and if I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it all the way. I had already done a marathon, so when I found out about this race, I thought 'Well, I've got to do that.'"

Glecoff says the reason he is drawn to running is because it's the one sport that can completely drain him of energy.

"I like the fact that if I push myself it wears me right out," he says. "A really good run can almost put me down for a full day, and I like that. It's hard to explain to other people, but it feels really good to wear yourself out."

"I'm always trying to push myself to see how far I can go, so if I complete this 100-mile race, I really don't know what I'm going to do next," he adds.

"The first time I crossed the finish line in a 50-mile race, I just couldn't describe the feeling. So now I'm looking forward to the 100-mile and what it's going to do to me."

"I heard some people talking about it last year, and how they to keep ice bags on their legs for a week," he says with a grin.

For Glecoff, that would be nothing more than the sign of a job well done.

"I'm the type of person that won't quit until they take me off the course, and at this race they have doctors there to do it, too"

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Youngsters feel the HEAT with local hockey gurus

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Haliburton minor hockey was good to locals Chris Petrow and Joel Cooper, so the two young men wanted to give something back to the hockey community.

They've brought HEAT to the ice of the Dysart arena.

HEAT, an acronym for Haliburton Elite Athletic Training, was originally designed by Petrow and Cooper as an off-ice training program for hockey players or athletes who wanted to get or stay in shape. Over the past two weeks, however, it's taken on a new form.

For five hours a week the kids worked on personal skating (power skating), puck handling, and shooting, with Cooper putting the emphasis on the word personal.

"We don't want kids to watch the kid beside them," said Cooper. "We want them to work on their own skills."

The first-time camp was divided into two one-week sessions by age group. Week one saw a total of 31 minor players ranging from 5 to 11 and week two housed about 28 kids ages 11 to 16. Both groups hit the ice hard with Petrow, Cooper and a couple of local hockey helpers and friends Matt Duchene, Dave Clark and Josh Shaw.

The front half of the workshop focused on skating while the latter half concentrated on stick handling and shooting.

"We've been well received and have had great feedback," said Cooper. "The kids have been very attentive and reacted well to it."



Growing up and playing hockey in Haliburton was good to Chris Petrow and now he's giving back with HEAT.

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Runners kept on through the rain during Kash Dash.



The first group of runners from the kids class are off to a running start.

A race to the finish

DAVID BRADLEY

Special to the Echo

The sun was shining brightly on Kash Dash 2007, a race to help support Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief. For a few minutes. Then the rain came down, and hard at times, for most of the event. Thankfully there was no electrical activity in the dark clouds above the 10k run for adults and the 1k Fun Run for the youngsters so both events started very close to their advertised times. Apparently a very large bear dropping was found very near the start/finish line and quickly removed just prior to the start of the shorter of the two races. No actual bears were sighted, else the times might have been even faster despite the very muddy conditions.

Justin Tyrell of Barrie was first (4:05.1) and then came a very tight battle for second place between Runar Lorette of Woodville and Claire Brown of Newmarket. The difference between these two runners was two 1/100ths of a second. Lorette captured second with a time of 4:07.4 while Brown took third, but first in the female category with a clocking of 4:07.6. The top five was rounded out by young Preston Roberts of Haliburton and Jack Hull of

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Racer Kathleen Wotherspoon's bridesmaids wait for her to arrive at the finish line.

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| | Horse Whisperer Greg Barrington - Grandstand |
| 6:00 p.m. | Heavy & Light Horse Draw |
| 9:00pm | Dance in the Arena featuring "Desert Heat" |

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| 9:45 a.m. | Ecumenical Church Service |
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| 11:30 a.m. | Mutt Show |
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Justin Tyrell (left) and Claire Brown (Right) were the top finishers in their class.



The pack is still tight at the beginning of the race.

Rain can't stop runners

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Toronto.

In the Adult 10k, on the men's side, Bart Nichols of Parry Sound was first with a time of 35:07.1, Thomas Toth of Lakefield was second at 36:46.6 and Colin Harris of Haliburton was third, clocking in at 39:31.5.

On the women's side of the greater distance event, it was the finishing kick of Lisa Avery of Orillia, with a time of 43:04.0, which nudged out Lucia Mahoney of Toronto (43:07.9). Jessica Steffler of Lindsay came third just shortly after triggering the computer at 43:23.1.

Despite the rain, there was a curious assemblage of very well-dressed young ladies spotted in the vicinity. Most people suspected that they were part of a wedding party at another venue, but they were at the race to support runaway bride

Kathleen Wotherspoon. It seems the wedding is in October but the bride's girlfriends decided to come out and cheer her on in high style and fashion. Kathleen finished 16th in the women's competition, but it sounds like she is definitely number one in the heart of some very lucky young man.

For complete results of the Kash Dash event, go to Sportstats.ca. Its sophisticated computerized timing system allows for great reliability and almost immediate results. According to the website, 105 runners finished the 10k race so the number of participants was a bit down from the usual 125 to 160, but the weather was enough to keep all but those who really like to run in the rain, or those with incredible dedication to come out and test their grit and endurance. At the time of this writing, the amount of money raised was not known.

Elders paint another picture for Norah

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

For a second consecutive year, the Elderberry group of cottagers from the Kennisis Lake gathered at the McOstrich residence for a group painting effort. The afternoon of fun and fine art helps raise money for the Norah's Island Land Trust Fund.

At 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 23, folks gathered to crush a cup of wine, share a few appetizers, and enjoy a little cottage conversation before artist Wilf McOstrich announced that the painting would soon commence.

"I need some sky painters," said McOstrich.

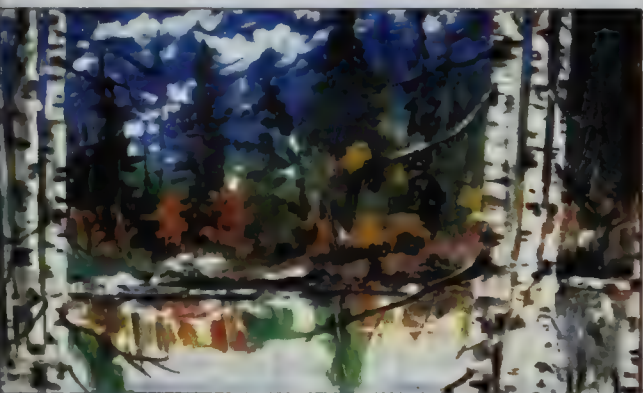
McOstrich, who has a studio in Toronto called Boothill Studios, is a well-established Canadian artist who belongs to many groups in the area and his work has appeared in juried shows, exhibitions, galleries and in some of Ontario's most historic inns.

Last year's joint project sold for approximately \$350 with about 21 people behind the brush. This year 18 hands are expected to be part of the creative canvas done with acrylic paints.



Team Hodgins, consisting of Linda and Vic from Newmarket, have been cottaging on Kennisis Lake since 1982. Its pure concentration as the Hodgins and paint while host Wilf McOstrich cleans a few brushes for the next group of painters.

The finished product (bottom left) is sure to surpass last years auctioned sale price of \$350.



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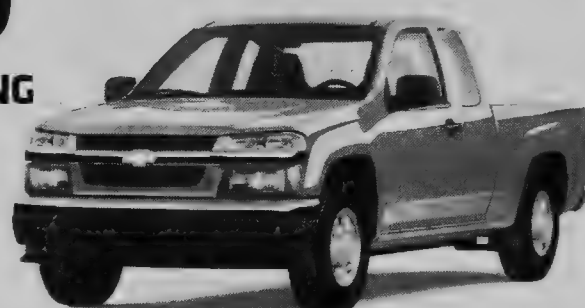
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Carson Phillips, 4, from Haliburton sports his graduation hat as he receives his certificate from School's Cool.



Macy Miscio, 3, of Haliburton marches into the classroom for her graduation ceremony.



4-year-old Secilia Kerr from Haliburton watches one of her classmates graduate from the program.

Program teaches kids that school can be cool

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Parents who've had children graduate from the School's Cool program say that the summer course is a strife saver come September.

The 17 pre-schoolers gathered at 10:30 a.m. outside Stuart Baker Elementary School as fourth-year instructor Alison Potter and first-year instructors Nicole

Pockett and Tanya Hunter entertained the kids with songs before marching inside where parents awaited with digital cameras and camcorders.

Frances Barry watched her second daughter graduate from the program and raved about how School's Cool helped her first child.

"It's the best thing that has ever happened," said Barry who lives in West Guilford. "The kids get familiar with the basics and it wasn't scary or new when she

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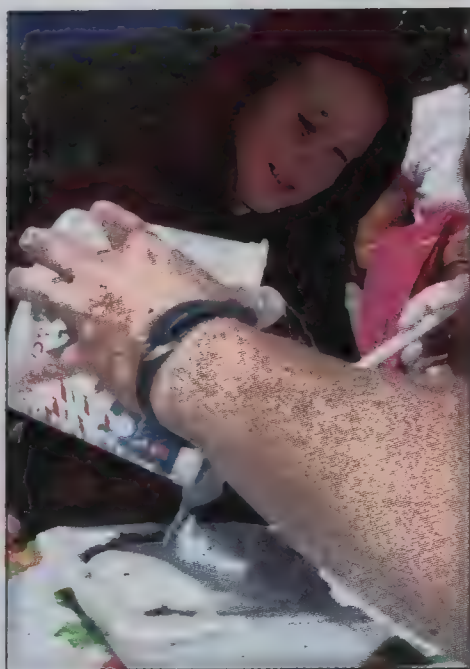
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A group of young girls had the chance to experience and explore the wonders of wildlife at a junior naturalists day camp hosted by 'Out to Learn' and the Haliburton Museum last week. Above left: Eight-year-old Hannah Klose makes a plaster mould of animal footprints during one of the camp workshops. Above right: Emily Klose, 7, investigates various skat samples (rubber samples, that is) and tries to identify the animal that left it behind.



Seven-year-old Yazmina Yilmaz (left) and Olivia Feder (right) pay close attention to wildlife biologist Irene Heaven's lesson on the different characteristics of animal skulls.



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Gran Gorrie's photo album

TOM BALLANTINE AND STEVE HILL

Special to the Echo

Editor's note: This story was written by Haliburton Highlands Museum director Tom Ballantine and curator Steve Hill to accompany the museum's Daniel Gorrie photography exhibit. The exhibit, which runs until Thanksgiving, provides a never-before-seen view of early life in Haliburton. In the fall the museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Camera

We suspect that most of the photos in the exhibit were taken with Daniel Gorrie's camera by Daniel himself. There are a few pictures in which he appears but it is likely that he was instrumental in the composition of the photo and carefully instructed the operator just as we do today when we say "just press the button".

Amazingly enough the camera has survived. While Wendy Vanderwal, who donated copies of her great-grandfather's photos to the museum, was absorbed in looking at some bits of family history her husband Alf kindly brought in the camera for us to have a look at. He proudly opened it up and showed us some of the features while we arranged to take a few pictures of the artifact itself.

The item was termed a pocket camera,



Most of the photos were likely taken with this camera, owned by Daniel Gorrie.



Gorrie family/friends in the back yard of the Gorrie home, Haliburton, circa 1910. Wm. Gorrie appears at the front left, unknown little girl, Margaret (Maggie) Gorrie at right. The 2 girls in the back are as yet unidentified; the little boy is Hugh Gorrie. Note the boy's wagon at left as well as the wheelbarrow. The Ferdinand Sipe house is at the left; the balcony of the Grand Central Hotel is visible through the trees at the centre. It is believed that Daniel Gorrie took this photo. He is conspicuous by his absence throughout the Gorrie photo collection, since he was the photographer.

although it wasn't as portable as the compact models of today.

When the leather case was opened up the bellows was in perfect condition and the nickel and brass bits gleamed. It was in perfect working order. A top-of-the-line Kodak with the latest patent date of 1902.

On this visit in mid-June the Vanderwals had also brought along a few wonderful mounted images with the impressions of local studios adding a bit more historical information to the photo collection. A couple of these images may have been taken with the cameras belonging to those studios. One particularly important image is an oversized mounted photo of Daniel Gorrie on the steps of his first store. Over the years Gorrie was quite successful in his business dealings, his family enjoyed a wonderful and fulfilling social life and they were an active participants in community life.

A Brief History of the Gorrie Family in Haliburton

We do not know much of Scottish-born Daniel Gorrie before he arrived in Haliburton in the 1880's where he could be found managing the store of promi-

nent merchant John Faraday Young, who owned stores in both Minden and Haliburton. This working relationship may have evolved into a partnership.

Young and Gorrie were brothers-in-law through marriage to the Geegan sisters who were early Dysart school teachers. Gorrie's wife Aline died in childbirth and is buried in the family plot in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Gorrie's second marriage to Margaret Groom, daughter of some local pioneers, resulted in a larger family. They had five children together: William Robert, John Hall, Clara Elizabeth, Elliot, and Hugh Frederick, the youngest born in 1906.

While little is known of Gorrie's early career, it is believed that he took over the Haliburton store from Young by the early 1890s. The store was located on the south side of Queen Street, now Highland, on the lot presently occupied by the Bargain Shop. Carrying a wide range of general merchandise from buttons to coats and stoves to ploughs, Gorrie did a thriving business.

A Bobcaygeon Independent reference in 1895 noted that "Mr. Gorrie sold a large number of Massey-Harris farm implements and they are giving great satisfaction."

He advertised extensively in that paper as well as the Minden Echo. In an Echo of 1891 he stated that "We have to cater for High and Low, Rich and Poor". Much of his business was done in barter, or else he paid straight cash for the produce and grain, chickens and butter, of the Dysart area farms.

Around 1906, a grand red brick store and house was built for Gorrie, along the street east of his existing store, on property now occupied by the parking lot of the I.G.A. grocery store. The old store, when vacated by Gorrie, was extensively renovated and became the "Watt House", a large boarding house and hotel. The new store and residence is the building he is chiefly remembered for and this massive structure housing "Gorrie's Departmental Store" and home, reflected Gorrie at the peak of his Haliburton days.

Tragedy occurred in the Gorrie household with the death of son John in 1910. Suffering from tuberculosis, he fought a vain battle against the disease which claimed him. Photographs in the Gorrie album show a tent set up in their backyard where he attempted to live in semi-isolation in the clear air of the Highlands, hopeful of a recovery which never came.

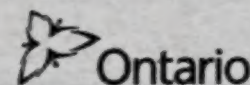
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Additional photos in the album show an attractive lakeshore campsite which features the same tent.

He rests in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Shortly after the death of his son, Daniel Gorrie entered municipal politics. He served on Dysart council in 1911 and 1912, and was reeve in 1913. During those years the village obtained an iron bridge on Highland Street, a cement bridge on Maple Avenue, and commenced with the installation of cement sidewalks in the downtown core.

While the Gorrie family initially lived in the residential wing of their new brick complex, they later moved to a brick house just outside the village on the shore of Barnum Lake. Gorrie had a farm near town, perhaps this house was part of it. The reason for the move is uncertain, although it doubtless provided the store-keeping family with more after hours privacy, and perhaps some produce for sale in the store.

For reasons now unknown, perhaps seeking greener pastures, Gorrie closed his thriving store around the beginning of World War I. He moved his family to Toronto and set up shop in that city, carrying on his life's work. Son William enlisted in the army as a Toronto resident, hence his conspicuous absence from the roll of the famous 109th Battalion which was the regiment for most of the Haliburton boys during that conflict. Upon his return from overseas, William



John Hall Gorrie (1891-1910) was the second born child of Haliburton merchant Daniel Gorrie, and his wife Maggie. As a teen, John contracted tuberculosis. Part of the hoped-for cure was to live in semi-isolation, in this case a tent, pitched in the Gorrie back yard, breathing in the fresh outdoor air of the Highlands.

began a career with the T. Eaton Co., the large and well-known department store which gave preference to hiring "returned men". His younger brother Hugh also made a career with Eaton's.

Daniel Gorrie ran his store in Toronto and is believed to have eventually retired prior to his death in 1941. Certainly he could not compete with Eaton's as a form of lucrative employment for his sons. His wife Margaret passed away in 1943. Both are buried in Toronto after long eventful

lives.

The Gorrie store/residential complex on Highland Street had several occupants after the family's departure. While a complete list is not available, the premises is known to have been eventually owned by Dr. Louis Carroll who ran his medical practice from rooms therein; several tenants occupied living quarters on site over the year. In the late 1960s, the Haliburton School of Fine Arts operated from space within.

The store section once housed the Bank of Montreal, then Hussey's Hardware, and later Rae's hardware. In the 1970s, the Les Hughes family ran a shoe store

and Sears outlet from the commercial wing, while Mike's Milk was operated from the ground floor of the house by Donna Brohm, and Mike and Paulette Blake, who later sold the business to Mike Vuksic. In 1978 the complex was demolished to make way for a new I.G.A. grocery store, which stood until being replaced by the current store in 2002.

The Photo Exhibit

The photo exhibit features approximately 30 framed images as well as a running slide show of over 100 images on a monitor in the gallery. The images represent the everyday life and activities of a family with an active life in the village, their friends and contemporaries, scenes of the downtown core, recreational activities including boating, and canoeing as well as winter activities.

Another of our favourite shots is a pratfall on snowshoes. There are images of the family seeing off visitors at the station, on picnics with their friends the Clarke family. One special image shows them at the Walling family maple sugar shack. Rather than a bunch of stodgy and posed studio shots, these images are mostly candid, the stuff of everyday life in the Haliburton of a hundred years ago.

Note: We have titled this article "Gran Gorrie's Photo Album" even though most of the photos were taken by Daniel Gorrie. Gran Gorrie is the grandmother of Wendy Vanderwal who has been so generous with her family pictures. Her inclination to share them with us now makes it very much a community album.

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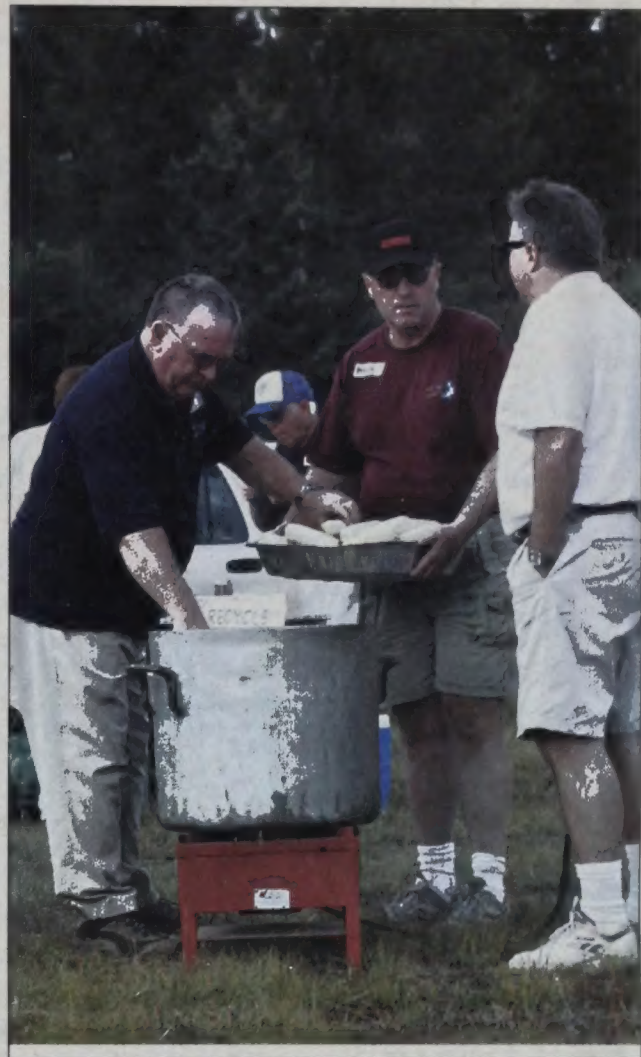
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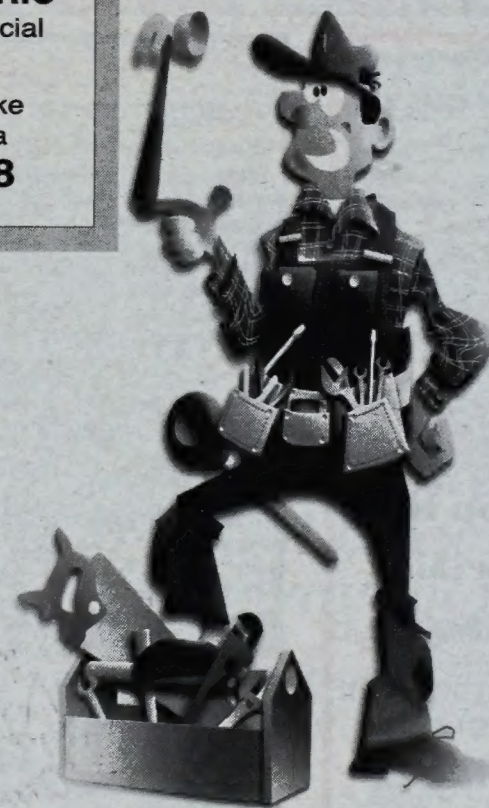
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